



Waiver, Assumption of Risk and Agreement to Hold Harmless

I understand that participation in dog training is not without risk to myself and my dog as well as any family members or guests who might attend.

I hereby waive and release from any and all liability of any nature, for injury or damage suffered as a result of my participation in any class or private lesson, including any damage or injury resulting from the action of any person or dog, or for any accident occurring on the premises or its surroundings.

I agree to accept full responsibility for my actions, those of my family or guests and those of my dog.

To the best of my knowledge, my dog is social, safe and friendly around other dogs and humans:

(initial): _____

(if you are unsure, or your dog has had issues with humans and dogs, please advise us so we may discuss it)

Read and understand the Informed Consent page:

(initial): _____

Name of Signer: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Date of first class: _____

What do you like about your dog:

What would you like to change?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Sundog Pet Services: Informed Consent



“All dogs can be motivated by things they want such as food, play, toys, access to dogs and smells and patting. Individual preferences vary and competent dog trainers will only use motivators that work for that individual dog and not waste time or money attempting to use motivators that do not work. All dogs can also be motivated by pain, nausea and things that frighten them. There is some individual variation with regard to pain thresholds and what particular things dogs find frightening.” - Jean Donaldson

I propose to use rewards dogs find desirable (food, play, patting and access to smells) as motivators to train your dog. The potential side effects are: liking hands or people; dependance on the use of the reward. Adverse outcomes associated are: increased affection toward people; dependance on rewards can be inconvenient at times.

There are alternatives to what I propose. You could instead train using pain and fear to motivate your dog. The potential side effects are: Anxiety, aggression, increased fear (may generalize quickly to anything in the environment); dependance on pain or fear. Adverse outcomes associated are: fight/flight responses which can be difficult to resolve.

You could also seek the opinion of a veterinary behaviorist. Our goal is that you are full informed before consenting to any dog training or behavior modification.

Sundog Class and Private Training Policies.

General:

First Session.

1. We require a copy of current rabies vaccination (except for puppies under legal age);
2. Waiver form;
3. Payment;
4. Tasty treats;
5. Collar – flat, material not terribly important (martingales are acceptable – **NO** prong collars or check(choke) chains);
6. A four or six foot leash.

Subsequent Sessions:

1. Tasty Treats, a toy, possibly a bed and settle down kong.

Group Classes:

Health.

1. Please ensure that your dog is in good health when coming to class; if your dog is ill, you may attend, but please do not bring your dog. Diarrhea, Vomiting and ear, nose or eye discharges, coughing or continuous sneezing should be looked at by a Vet before attending class to ensure that there is no risk of contaminating other dogs.

Temperament.

1. If your dog is not comfortable around other dogs please advise us before hand.
2. If your dog is not comfortable with people, please advise us before hand.

Behaviour.

1. If your dog is a bit noisy around other dogs, please bring a kong, stuffed with goodies to help give your dog some other direction.
2. Ensure that your dog has voided themselves before coming to class. During class, pay attention just in case our dog needs to go again.

Private Training:

Please advise us of any problems your dog has had with people or other dogs (or animals). In order to make sure that we have a good picture before hand, we will likely ask for more information about your needs in Private Training.