Basic Obedience Class Outline

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**This is a basic dog obedience class for dogs 6 months or older. This class is intended to teach you how to begin training on basic obedience that will set your dog up for success.**

*This 5 week class will be held at the Pieloch Pet Adoption Center from 6 to 7 pm on Tuesday nights. The class is $75+ tax.*

**Objectives:**

* Introduce your dog to basic commands such as sit, down, come, and stay
* Work on ‘leave it’
* Introduce loose leash walking
* Working on impulse control through “Wait” and “Red Light, Green Light” (other games/techniques used based on individual needs)

**Training equipment:**

* A well fitted collar
* A 4 to 6 foot training leash (leather or nylon) PLEASE NO RETRACTABLE LEASHES!
* High value treats. Make sure your dog is interested in them! (Moist or dry treats, hot dogs, string cheese, or a good toy are all things that can be considered high value)
* For the safety of everyone in the class the dogs should not be interacting with each other. If your dog has reactivity towards other dogs/strangers please let Haley know before the class so she can make sure you are set up for success by placing you away from others and making sure both you and your dog stay comfortable.
* Please be on time. Our class time is limited and time should be used efficiently.
* Family members are always welcome to come to class but please make sure children are supervised and under control at all times. Training a dog takes the effort of the whole family but we do not want to disturb other the other people/dogs taking the class.
* Please be respectful of other people’s training space and be aware of your surroundings at all times.

WEEK 1:

* Introductions 🡪 What are people looking to work on? What are some of your dog’s troublesome behaviors? Plan for class layout
* Proper leash holding, equipment use, and how to give commands/treats
* Loose Leash Walking (including halt/automatic sit)
* Teach sit and down
* Class wrap up and what to work on during the week.

WEEK 2:

* Review / What problems did you have this week?
* Sit and down / Puppy Push Ups
* Introduce “come/recall”
* Introduce “Stay”
* Work on “Wait” “Red Light/Green Light” + Others
* loose leash walking
* Class Wrap up and what to work on during the week.

WEEK 3:

* Review / What problems did you have this week?
* Review sit and down
* Review come
* Work on “Wait” “Red Light/Green Light” + Others
* Loose leash walking
* Introduce “Leave it”
* Class Wrap up and what to work on during the week.

WEEK 4:

* Review / What problems did you have this week?
* Sit / down / come with distractions
* Review stay
* Healing with turns and healing patterns
* “Wait” “Red Light Green Light”+ others
* Review Leave it
* Class Wrap up and what to work on during the week.

WEEK 5:

* Review everything (sit, down, come, red light green light, leave it) / Trouble shooting
* Photos/ Certificates given out
* Next steps for class participants
* Any final questions?

Waiver of Liability and Photo Release

Name of Handler (please print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that participating in dog obedience training is not without risk to myself, members of my family, guests who may attend, or my dog, because despite all dogs appearing healthy and being handled with the greatest care and foresight, dogs are not always predictable and the unexpected may occur. By signing below you are stating that you have been informed that there is always some risk of injury when working with animals, especially animals with behavioral issues who may be hard to control.

I hereby waive and release the Capital Humane Society, its employees, volunteers, members and agents from any and all liability or claims of any nature, for injury or damage which I or my dog may suffer, including specifically, but without limitations, any injury or damage resulting from the action of any dog, including my own. I expressly assume the risk of such damage or injury while attending any training session on the grounds of the Capital Humane Society or surrounding areas.

I understand and agree that results of training may vary due to many factors including, but not limited to breed of dog, age of dog, prior experiences, and the amount of time spent practicing the training.

Signature for Waiver of Liability:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

VACCINATIONS: Dogs and puppies are required to be vaccinated against rabies as per NE State law. Vaccinations against distemper, parvovirus and Bordetella should be administered on the schedule recommended by your veterinarian.

I hereby grant permission to Capital Humane Society representatives, to take and use photographs or digital images of me, my dog, my family members and/or my guests. I authorize the Capital Humane Society to use photos taken during class as printed or digital images. Images may be used as photos, with or without your name, in advertisements, flyers, social media, and/or on the shelter website.

I grant the Capital Humane Society permission to take and use photos. (Circle one.) YES NO

Signature for Photo Consent and Release:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_