

# Five Flags Dog Training Club

## BEGINNER CLASS OUTLINE

Skills you and your dog will learn	Common problems we address
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respect for the collar and lead</li> <li>• Attention to the handler</li> <li>• Come when called</li> <li>• Walking on a loose lead (Heel)</li> <li>• Sit/Stay</li> <li>• Down/Stay</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to correct for mouthing, barking, jumping</li> <li>• Crate training</li> <li>• Housebreaking</li> <li>• Becoming the pack leader</li> <li>• Others upon request of the class members</li> </ul>

**Location:** Bayview Recreation Center, 2000 East Lloyd St

**Cost:** \$90.00 - \$75 with proof that your dog was adopted from a shelter or rescue group or that you are raising a dog for an assistance organization.

**Time:** 6:15 - 7:15 PM

**Register:** Mail registration form, payment, copy of immunization records and adoption papers if applicable to the address at the top of the registration form. Register early - our classes usually fill and overflow students are placed in the next available class.

**2011 Spring Class Dates - all Tuesdays**

**Summer & Fall Class dates will be announced in May**

- April 19 - May 31

### Our Training Philosophy

We use positive training techniques with food or toys used to reward the dog for appropriate behavior. The reward is used as a “paycheck” not a bribe. We believe that dog ownership is a lifetime commitment and that training helps build a positive bond between dog and owner. Dogs rarely come with instructions, and few dogs turn out to be great family pets without some basic guidance. Just like children, dogs must be taught how to behave at home and in public. With a little patience and practice, you can have a well-behaved family pet that you can enjoy and include in many family activities.

**WHAT TO WEAR** – Dress comfortably. Classes are held indoors in a climate controlled building. Please wear sturdy non slip athletic or walking shoes – no high heels or flipflops. Wear something with large pockets or bring a small pouch or apron that will allow you easy access to your dog’s treats.

## **WHAT TO BRING: -**

- Your dog's shot record if you did not include a copy with your registration. We cannot admit your dog to class without viewing proof of rabies and other immunizations.
- Leash 4 or 6 ft long – no retractable leashes.
- Any collar you wish to use. Make sure it is tight enough that your dog cannot slip out. No harnesses please
- Water bowl – we have water available. Please offer your dog water only on the tile floor – not on the mats in the training area
- Soft small treats for your dog – something extra special
- A favorite toy if your dog loves toys
- A hungry dog - Do not feed for at least 4 hours before class
- If you need additional help, let the instructor or an assistant know.
- If a training method is not working for you, let us know. There are many ways to train a behavior

## **Class Rules**

- Dogs must be on leash at all times.
- Maintain a safe distance between other dogs - at least 6 feet. Always pay attention to your dog and be aware of where it is looking. Avoid allowing dogs to make eye contact. Do not allow your dogs to socialize unless your instructor gives permission.
- If your female comes in season, you may attend the classes without her or ask to take the next available class.
- Pay attention to your dog at all times.
- Clean up after your dog – Use a plastic bag to pick up “deposits” - there are several trash cans in the area

**Ask questions – this allows us to target the classes to better meet your needs.**

## **Agility**

Agility classes are available to dogs that have completed basic obedience training. Dogs must come when called while off lead and be able to stay with the handler while off lead without “visiting” other dogs or people. Dogs that show any signs of aggression towards people or other dogs will not be accepted into agility classes.