

WHAT WILL MY DOG LEARN IN TRAINING?

Our Play & Train package covers a series of manners and commands that will give your dog the basis that they will need to be polite and engaged members of your family. We will establish and reinforce the behaviors throughout the five training sessions and the end of the course by meeting with you, the owner(s), to demonstrate your dog's achievements.

The Play & Train and package is able to be built upon. If your dog has completed the Level One training and you wish to take their training a step further, we offer more advanced training and tasks in Levels 2, 3, etc. Each level is even more customized to the individual dog than the last.

LEVEL ONE

Loose leash walking: Discouraging pulling/lunging/lagging and rewarding for a loose leash and easy pace allows for a more pleasant walking experience for all involved.

Sit/Stay, Down/Stay, Settle: These commands have many useful purposes from safety to sanity. Which one(s) we utilize will depend on the individual dog and what they already know.

Polite Greetings: We discourage jumping and pushiness, and instead encourage your dog to sit at front to be greeted. This is basic manners, but is especially helpful when you're around elderly people or small children who can easily be knocked off balance and hurt by a jumping dog.

Leave It: Your dog will be taught to stand by patiently rather than swooping in and stealing or gobbling up objects. This command can be lifesaving in the case of dropped pills, etc.

Barrier Training/Impulse Control: Having a dog that respects invisible boundaries not only keeps them from door dashing and running into traffic, but it can also give you control inside the house, such as limiting access to the kitchen or requiring your dog to get permission before proceeding to certain areas.

LEVEL TWO

This level puts a focus on duration and distance, as well as introducing some off-leash exercises. Dogs in Level Two will be expected to respond faster to old commands and be able to retain focus for longer periods of time. This may also be an appropriate time to begin working on recall (or solidifying it, depending on the dog).

LEVEL THREE

This level will have more emphasis on distraction. We will break from the predictability of commands (heel to sit, etc.) as the dog begins to anticipate them, as well as asking them to perform tasks while other (more exciting) things are going on around them. For owners interested in Canine Good Citizen testing, we can address the behaviors in the test. A few more advanced behaviors may include: heel with automatic sit, place, stays with trainer/owner out of sight, and other tasks that you as an owner feel would make your pet a happier family member.

OWNER/TRAINER MEETING

After the final session of any training course level, our trainer will hold a brief meeting with the client's owner(s) to demonstrate their dog's progress and discuss how to build on it at home now that the sessions have ended. There will be a focus on consistency, boundaries, and expectations. First, the trainer will walk the dog and owners through the new/improved commands, offering explanations and answering questions as they go. Then the owner(s) take the lead and repeat what was just shown to them, getting a hands-on feel for the progress that has been made. We ask that owner's set aside the time to make the most of this important session. It is not designed to take long, but it must not be rushed if the dog is to continue being successful at home. Owner(s) will be sent home with contact information for training support as well as a short summary of the work done and why each command is helpful.

In addition, there will be the option for continued support. Transferring newly learned commands to a different environment, even one as familiar as home, isn't always easy. Owners who have purchased a package will be able to contact the trainer with follow up questions in regards to maintaining the taught behaviors.

TRAINING PACKAGE

PLAY & TRAIN

Includes 5 training sessions (minimum 1 hour per day, divided into appropriate increments based on the individual dog) that take place while your dog is visiting us for daycare or during a boarding stay. These sessions can be used consecutively or spaced out, depending on the trainer availability and owner's schedule, but each one will build on the next so it will be best to use them in an appropriate time frame.

\$325

Please note that this price is on top of any daycare and boarding charges that incur while your dog is visiting our facility!