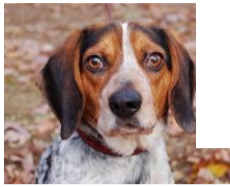




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Policies & Procedures

When you arrive, please put your belongings down on the chairs. You may hang coats in the lobby. Then take your dog and find a space away from the door. Do not crowd around the door. Do not let your dog drag you to see the other dogs. If you do, then you are teaching your dog to pull you. Is that the behavior you want to reinforce?

When another dog is working solo in the room, use that time to work with your dog on the sidelines. If you use that time to chat and not pay attention, your dog may be pulling, jumping, trying to play or bite and generally out of control. You are in class to teach them to focus on you and learn self-control. Use the time in class wisely.

One person may with each dog/puppy at a

time. If the whole family is standing next to the dog/puppy, it is too distracting for your dog/puppy and other dogs/puppies. Only one person may be in the middle with each dog. Children and other family members must sit in the chairs on the side. Please do not sit on the obstacles.

Here is just one example of why I have this rule.

In class, a child kept



standing near another person's puppy. I kept asking the child to move away because his presence was distracting. The child did not listen. The puppy jumped up and bit a hole in the child's garment. If the

puppy had broken the skin, it could have resulted in the parent filing a report with the local animal control officer. Then the nightmare could begin.

Most puppies do not have their Rabies vaccine yet. *(All owners of adult dogs must show me proof of an up-to-date rabies vaccine.)* State of CT law basically states that ANY dog that bites a human and does not have a Rabies vaccine or has an expired Rabies vaccine will be placed in quarantine for 6 months. The quarantine is at your expense. During the 6-month quarantine, the puppy cannot have contact with humans. Imagine how devastating this would be if it were to happen to your puppy. The option to the 6-month quarantine is to have the puppy or dog euthanized.

For policies on Children in the Training Center, please visit the web site.

Mattie & Lucy Liu's Safety Tips

Coyotes, fox, hawks, and bobcat are predators who live among us. In a flash, a dog can be injured or killed. Hawks will even take small dogs right out of your yard.

Bears are very common



in our backyards. Wild animals have a right to live among us. We owe it to our pets to keep them safe. Never leave a dog outside alone.

Never feed wild animals! It ends up being a death sentence for them when they become used to humans.

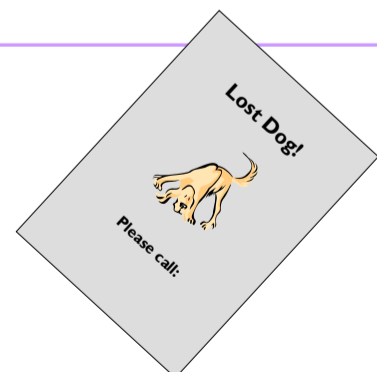
Be Prepared in Case Your Dog Gets Lost

Keep a tag on your dog's collar containing your up-to-date home phone, cell phone and address.

Prepare flyers in advance. Take some clear, close-up photos of your dog's head and side profile of his body. Use color for flyers and posters and b&w for faxes. Include all the ways you may be contacted: home, cell, work, email, and your local animal control officer's number.

Write out a description including: Breed or if mixed, the breed it most resembles; Color and Distinguishing marks; Age; Sex; Size; Weight; Coat texture and length (short, medium, long, rough, silky, smooth, wiry); Ear set (erect, cropped, tipped, left ear); Eye color; Tail (long, short, medium, docked, corkscrew, C-shaped, etc.)

If your dog is lost, you can quickly add information such as when and where dog went missing, print the flyers and get them out there.



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