

## OUTLINE FOR RROTC ORIENTATION

### ◇ WELCOME

- RROTC is a nonprofit that's been around for 50+ years
- All volunteers – no one paid to teach classes.
- Given our time to do this
- We don't train your dog, we teach you to train your dog
- We ask you to work with your dog daily for 10-15 minutes
- What you pay for classes is what pays for rent, improvements, etc.
- Members of the club compete in obedience, agility, barn hunt, lure coursing, conformation, therapy dogs, and such. Ask us how you can too!
- If you haven't finished paperwork, we'll stay afterwards to get it finished.

### ◇ FACILITY

- Parking on the street except for handicap and gate across street
- Bathroom and exit door are in kennel room.
- We treat for fleas but recommend that you also use a flea treatment just in case
- Keep front door closed – dogs are off leash in some classes so if a dog gets away from its owner, door is what keeps the dog from running away or into street

### ◇ CLASSES

- Puppy – see website [redriverobedience.org](http://redriverobedience.org)
- Good Dog – see website [redriverobedience.org](http://redriverobedience.org)
- Beginner I
  - Includes leash and collar –
    - ☐ SHOW collar
    - ☐ Correct way to put collar on – “P”
    - ☐ Collars will be fitted first class
    - ☐ Collar only for training – not on dog when not on a leash
    - ☐ these will be shown in first class
  - Prong collar –
    - ☐ SHOW collar – point out that not pointed but rounded
    - ☐ When correctly used, not harmful
    - ☐ Harm comes from leaving on
    - ☐ So, only on your dog when on a leash
    - ☐ will be shown in first class
- What to bring/wear to class
  - Wear comfortable clothing
  - Low heel shoes – NO FLIP FLOPS
  - If coming from work, suggest
    - ☐ Bring a change of clothes
    - ☐ Will be bending and kneeling in class so suggest
      - (a) Women change out of dresses or skirts
      - (b) Men change out of suits
  - Treats
    - ☐ Small and soft – EXAMPLES
    - ☐ Nothing crumbly or crisp or big – just a taste

- ☐ Also won't fall to floor to distract other dogs
  - ☐ Treat bag – nail apron, treat bag – SHOW examples
- **Classes start on time and last an hour**
  - Try to be on time, but if you're late, slip in with minimal disruption
- **Dog issues**
  - If dog is ill, don't bring dog to class but you come and observe
  - Females in season/heat should not be brought to club – just come and observe so you can teach your dog at home
- **Make sure instructor has a good contact number for you in case class is cancelled due to weather**
- **No individual make up classes, but we make up classes cancelled due to weather**
- **Families are welcome to participate in puppy class**
- **For Beginner class, recommend only one person work with dog in class.**
- **And do not recommend a child under 12 as the participant in class**
- **Children**
  - welcome to observe as long as an additional adult with them for supervision
  - Children not allowed to visit other dogs except with instructor approval in puppy class
  - Children not allowed to run around or throw balls or objects
- **Recommend you don't feed your dog before class as we use treats for training and a hungry dog is more motivated by food**
- **Bring a bowl and water for you dog – we have bowls and water available but prefer you use your own**
- **Take your dog out back for bathroom break before coming in the building and during class breaks.**
- **If your dog has an accident inside, you are expected to clean it up.**
- **We have supplies for that – SHOW BUCKET, VINEGAR, AND PAPER TOWELS. And we'll hold your dog's leash while you clean up the accident.**
- **Keep your dog close to you at all times and don't allow him to approach and play with other dogs.**
- **Remember that other classes may be going on and dogs may be off leash in those classes.**
- **Be conscious of coming in and out of building and not blocking or getting close to other dogs**
- **Reserve right to have you muzzle your dog to continue in class and right to expel dog from class if the dog is uncontrollable or dangerous to other people or dogs – in the instructor's opinion.**
- **Any damage or disturbance caused by you, your dog or child are your responsibility.**

◇ Introduce instructors for classes

◇ Invite everyone to step into big training room for Beginner demo