



# WEST LOS ANGELES OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

## Novice Tricks Class Information

Thank you for your interest in the West Los Angeles Obedience Training Club obedience classes.

This package contains information about our policies, Instructions for Students and a map of the park where classes are held. The Novice Trick Dog Class is held on Wednesday evenings at Pet Food Express, 9153 West Pico Blvd, Beverly Hills, CA. This is an indoor facility with parking.

**The Novice Trick Dog Class is for dogs of all ages! Learning Tricks helps build confidence, increase body awareness, and it's fun! Learning new skills is an excellent form of Mental and Physical stimulation for dogs needing more enrichment!**

**Dogs will work to learn 10 tricks from the AKC Novice Trick Dog list. Dogs who have their Canine Good Citizen (CGC) only need 5 tricks for the Novice title! Every dog learns at their own pace. Your Dog is NOT guaranteed to earn the title, but will be given the opportunity to test for it during the last class of the session. Prerequisite for this class is completion of novice level classes.**

**Class Fee = \$150 for 6 weeks**

As our classes generally fill in advance, we encourage you to make a payment via PayPal or by check to enroll in the next session. You will receive a confirmation of your enrollment request via e-mail. Checks will not be cashed until after the class has started. PayPal will be refunded in full if we are unable to place you in the class.

If you have specific questions regarding the class, please email us at [obedience@wlaotc.com](mailto:obedience@wlaotc.com).

# **IMPORTANT** **PLEASE NOTE**

## **CLASS START DATE:**

Your class start date may change if we cancel a class in the current session due to rain or other unforeseen circumstances. Please be sure to check back at our website at [www.wlaotc.com](http://www.wlaotc.com) approximately one week prior to your scheduled class start date to see if the start date for your class has changed.

## **CLASS CANCELLATIONS:**

All of our classes are held outdoors. In the event of rain, classes will be cancelled. If weather is questionable, please call the WLAOTC club telephone at (310) 851-6350 to find out if your Obedience Class is cancelled. On Mondays and Wednesdays (evening classes), call after 3:30pm. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Saturdays (daytime classes), call after 6:30am. The message will be changed **ONLY** if class is cancelled. If you hear nothing about cancellations, classes are “on” for that day!

If weather is questionable on the date your class is supposed to start, please call the Club telephone number as indicated above.

## **Make Up Policy**

Puppy Class: Make-ups cannot be allowed in Puppy Class as puppies will outgrow the class. Fees for no more than two classes may be pro-rated if the puppy must miss the beginning classes because of age restrictions. The student must pre-register for the next session of Novice. Pro-rated payments must be approved for the Novice Class by the Obedience Director.

All Obedience, Rally, Nose Work, Tricks and Conformation classes except Puppy. There are no make-ups for missed classes. If the club or park does cancel a class for rain, other weather conditions or special events, the current session will be extended for each class missed.

**Make-ups and arrangements for pro-rated fees, when allowed, must be with the same dog. No exceptions. There will be no refund of class fees.**

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**Payment Options**

Our preferred method of payment is through PayPal (a personal account or using the credit or debit card option). This secure option is the same as if you were charging at a store. The link for puppy is provided in the registration process on our website. Problems? Contact your registrar for assistance.

If you have chosen to pay by check, please write the check payable to WLAOTC. Mailing addresses for checks will be found in the confirmation email. The registrar email is the first email in the “to” listing.

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## Novice Tricks Class Instructions

### Items You Need for Novice Trick Dog Class:

- Dogs should wear a flat buckle or body harness. If you are not sure about the equipment, the instructor will check to see that the collar or harness fits your dog properly. (*No choke chains or prong collars in class!*)
- A leather or fabric 5 to 6 foot leash suitable for the size of your dog.
- **No flexi, retractable leashes!** You will not be allowed to participate in the class if your dog is on a flexi or retractable leash.
- Lots of soft, moist training treats—we suggest you bring at least two different types. Recommended treats: Turkey Hotdogs; Happy Howie's Food Roll (*cut in thin strips*), Cheddar Cheese (*some dogs can don't tolerate it easily*); and Chicken (*leftover pieces*). Actual food (human or dog) can motivate well, rather than bagged treats from the store.
- A bag to carry the treats that can be worn on your body. Our trainers may have some for sale.
- A washable mat or old towel (about 2 feet by 3 feet). A larger towel can be folded.
- Poop bags in case you need to clean up after your dog.
- A 20-foot long line. Not needed for the first few classes—the instructor will explain what you need.

### General Instructions:

1. You might skip feeding breakfast or feed only half before class.
2. If you have other dogs at home, do not bring them to class. If you must bring another dog for a later class, put him in a crate.
3. Dogs in heat may attend class. Please inform the trainer and the class when your dog is in heat.
4. For safety, please wear some type of closed-toe, athletic shoe for comfort and traction. No flip-flops.
5. Do not park in the small parking lot reserved for tennis. Park in the main parking lot, which is entered at the stop light on Motor Ave.
6. Bring your dog to and from class on the 5 to 6-foot leash. Dogs **MUST** be on leash coming to, during and when leaving this class. Dogs may not run or play free at the park.
7. If weather is questionable, please call the WLAOTC club telephone at (310) 851-6350 to find out if your Obedience Class is cancelled.