



WEST LOS ANGELES OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

Pet Therapy Class Information

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

This package contains information about our class locations, policies and Class Instructions for students with information about scheduling, cancellations, etc.

Pet Therapy classes are held the agility area and close to the club equipment trailer. Follow signs to the Archery or Petanque courts and the north end of the the main parking area. Our trailer is located near the two baseball diamonds toward the golf course at the back of the area.

Our Pet Therapy Class will prepare handler/dog teams to provide psychological or physiological comfort to people in settings such as hospitals, schools, nursing homes and airports. Organizations expect dogs that are calm, confident with strangers and relaxed in the environment. The class uses only positive reinforcement techniques. We are currently limiting the total students to 6-8 maximum.

Prerequisites include:

1. CGC earned with dog over 1 year old
2. Successful completion of Novice Obedience
3. Approval of both trainer and Tawn Sinclair.

Class Fee = \$130 for 5 weeks

As our classes generally fill in advance, we encourage you make a payment as soon as possible to enroll in the next session. When you register online for the first class, you will receive a confirmation of your request via e-mail before the class starts. Your registrar is the first email in the "to" list.

Important: Dogs need to have the calm demeanor in the class description above.

Dogs participating in therapy work need a specific temperment. Our trainer will also assist you with behaviors that might cause issues.

We reserve the right to dismiss unsuitable dogs from our group classes.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE

FIRST CLASS FOR PET THERAPY:

Please bring your dog to the first class. You may also wish to bring a folding chair so you are comfortable during the orientation portion of the class.

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 approximately one week prior to your scheduled class start date to see if the start date for your class has changed. Your class registrar will also be sending emails. Please take the time to read!

CLASS CANCELLATIONS:

All of our classes are held outdoors. In the event of rain or difficult conditions from, classes will be cancelled. If weather is questionable or there has been rain in the last 24-48 hours, please call the WLAOTC club telephone at (310) 851-6350 to find out if your class is cancelled. On Mondays or Wednesdays (evening class), call after 3:30pm. On Saturdays, Tuesdays or Thursdays (morning classes), please 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. You will normally get an email from the registrar for any cancellation. Please be sure to doublecheck before driving over if the weather has been extreme.

MAKE-UP POLICY

All Obedience, Therapy, Tricks, Rally and Conformation classes except Puppy have 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. Pro-rating into Novice from Puppy must be approved by the Obedience Director. 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 once the class has started.

Payment Options

Our preferred method of payment is through our PayPal interface (a personal account or using the credit or debit card option). This credit/debit option is the same as if you were charging at a store. Problems?
Contact your registrar for assistance.

Please do not bring payments to our trainers. They are not responsible for collecting the funds.



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Items You Need for Pet Therapy Class:

- Collars will be discussed in the first class. Your instructor will advise you about the most appropriate collar for your dog in the training class.
- A leather or fabric 4 to 6 foot leash suitable for the size of your dog. Large, heavy dogs need leather leashes.
- **No flexi, retractable leashes or chains!** You will not be allowed to participate in the class if your dog is on a flexi or retractable leash.
- Lots of small, soft, moist training treats - we suggest you bring two different types. Suggested treats include turkey hotdogs, Natural Balance Roll (sliced & diced), low-fat string cheese (careful - not all dogs can tolerate cheese), Zukes Mini Naturals, Charlee Bears, and chicken or steak (unspiced leftovers cut into small pieces). Charlee Bears or Cheerio's cereal can be refrigerated overnight with the meat, giving you more "Bang for your Buck".
- A small blanket or mat for your dog to rest on.
- Plastic bags in case you need to clean up after your dog.
- A brush or grooming tools.
- Water and water bowl.

General Instructions:

1. Do NOT feed your dog before class. If you have a night class, feed your dog in the morning and give him dinner after 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 or an x-pen.
3. Dogs in heat may attend classes. Please inform the trainer when your dog is in heat.
4. Please wear some type of closed toe athletic shoe for comfort and traction.
5. All household members may attend class. Older children are welcome, as long as they do not disrupt class.
6. **Bring your dog to and from class on a 4 to 6-foot leash.** Dogs MUST be on leash coming to, during and when leaving 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.
8. If your class is near the tennis courts, please park on the street or in the main lot. The tennis court and parking are managed separately from the rest of the park.