



WEST LOS ANGELES OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB, INC.

Information for Registration in Novice Class

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

This package contains a Registration Form (*including a copy for your records*), Instructions for Students and a map of the park where classes are held.

Wednesday Novice classes are held in the area just south of the main parking lot, next to the Rec Center Building. The Saturday, Sunday, and Monday Novice classes are held in the grassy area by the tennis courts, just past the Rec Center Building.

Our Novice Obedience Class – for dogs 5 months of age and older -- is designed to teach basic manners and obedience to pet owners and also provide the foundation necessary for those who may wish to continue in obedience and/or agility training and competition.

Class Fee = \$85 for 8 weeks

As our classes generally fill in advance, we encourage you to send the Registration form along with payment as soon as possible to enroll in the next session. You will receive a confirmation of your enrollment via e-mail or phone.

Important: Dogs with behavioral problems such as aggression, fearfulness or extreme shyness should not be enrolled in these group classes. Such dogs and their owner/handler should take private instruction with an animal behaviorist. Please contact us at obedience@wlaotc.com if you would like us to refer you to an appropriate trainer.

Certain “adolescent” behaviors can be corrected in a group class situation. If you are uncertain about your dog’s behavior or whether your dog is a suitable candidate for our classes, please contact us through www.wlaotc.com outlining the behavior problem you are experiencing and one of our instructors will contact you to determine if your dog should be enrolled in our class.

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

IMPORTANT

PLEASE NOTE

FIRST CLASS FOR NOVICE OBEDIENCE:

If you are in either Lynn or Tawn's class please bring your dog to the first class. If you are in Gabrielle's or Debbie's class, please do not 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.

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 2:30pm. On Saturdays and Sundays (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.

WLAOTC OBEDIENCE CLASSES -- 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.

Novice, Intermediate Novice, and Advanced Novice: Fees for these classes may not be pro-rated under any circumstances, except as described above for Puppy students. There are no make-ups in Novice, Intermediate Novice, or Advanced Novice

Competition Prep: There are no make-ups in Comp Prep. If students miss classes, starting in their third session, fees may be pro-rated for the following session. With approval, fees may be pro-rated than no more than two classes. Please provide the registrar with the dates of the missed classes.

Other Classes: There are no make-ups or pro-rated fees for Rally Obedience (all levels), Conformation, or Open/Utility Classes.

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



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Instructions for Novice Students

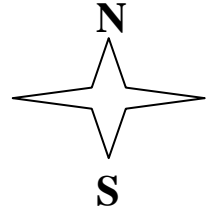
Items You Need for Novice Class:

- Collars will be discussed in the first class. Your instructor will advise of the most appropriate collar for your dog for 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 soft, moist training treats—we suggest you bring two different types. Recommended treats: Turkey Hotdogs; Natural Balance Roll (*cut in pencil thin strips*); Pupperoni (*available at the supermarket*), Baa Baa Ques (*freeze dried lamb*); Cheese (*careful-not all dogs can tolerate cheese*); and Chicken (*leftover pieces*).
- A washable mat or old towel (about 2 feet by 3 feet). A larger towel can be folded.
- Plastic bags in case you need to clean up after your dog.
- A 20-foot long line. (*No flexi leads!*) Your instructor will advise of the most appropriate long line for your dog at the first class.

General Instructions:

1. If you are in either Lynn or Tawn's class please bring your dog to the first class. If you are in Gabrielle's or Debbie's class, please do not 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.. For the first night of Gabrielle's class, please meet in front of the recreation building, down the stairs, below where Lynn's classes are held. All other classes for Gabrielle will be in the area in front of the pool. (see map). You may also wish to bring a folding chair so you are comfortable during the orientation portion of the class.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Dogs in heat may attend class. Please inform the trainer and the class when your dog is in heat.
5. Please wear some type of closed toe athletic shoe for comfort and traction.
6. The same handler must handle the dog for all lessons.
7. Do not park in small parking lot reserved for tennis. Park in the main parking lot, which may be entered at the stop light on Motor Ave.
8. **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.
9. If weather is questionable, please call the WLAOTC club telephone at (310) 851-6350 to find out if your Obedience Class is cancelled.

WLAOTC classes at the Cheviot Hills Recreation Center
2551 Motor Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90064



MAP NOT TO SCALE!

