

Manners Class

Peoria Obedience Training Club

Prerequisite Classes/Skills: none

Prerequisite Dog Age: 6 months and older

Class Description: This entry level class is designed to help handlers train their dogs to develop good manners at home and in the community. It is recommended as a follow-up for those just completing puppy class or ANY dog who has never had group training. Successful completion of this course is required before advancing to the Obedience 1 Class.

Class Length: 8 weeks

Core Skills taught in Manners Class:

- Dog focuses on handler
- Dog walks on loose leash
- Dog sits on command
- Dog stays on command
- Dog downs on command
- Dog comes when called
- Dog does not jump up
- Dog does not lunge at other dogs or bark excessively
- Dog accepts human handling/touching
- Dog demonstrates door/threshold manners

Handler Responsibilities:

- Patience with your dog, yourself and your classmates
- Consistent daily training with your dog
- Positive attitude
- Ask questions when you have them

Note: Manners class typically has dogs of varying age and experience as well as handlers of varying age and experience. Depending on individual class needs, instructors may teach skills in addition to the Core Skills.

What comes after Manners Class? Teams successfully completing Manners Class are invited to enroll in POTC's Obedience 1 Class.

Handler Name: _____ Dog Name: _____

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End of Course Assessment

Task	Today's Performance Level		
	Good	Fair	Not Yet
focus	Dog maintains handler eye contact for at least 3 seconds	Dog maintains handler eye contact for at least 1-2 seconds	Dog will not make/hold handler eye contact
loose leash walking	Dog walks on loose leash for at least 10 steps	Dog walks on loose leash for 5-9 steps	Dog constantly requires tight leash
sit	Dog sits when given command first time	Dog sits but must be given command 2-3 times	Dog does not sit
sit stay	Dog sits and stays in front of handler for at least 30 seconds	Dog sits and stays in front of handler for 10-29 seconds	Dog does not sit and/or stay in front of handler
down	Dog downs when given command first time	Dog downs but must be given command 2-3 times	Dog does not down
come (recall)	Dog comes immediately when given command	Dog comes but must be given command 2-3 times	Dog does not come
canine social skills	Dog does not lunge at other dogs or bark excessively	Dog infrequently lunges at other dogs and/or barks excessively and handler maintains control	Dog lunges at other dogs and/or barks excessively
human social skills	Dog does not jump up and comfortably accepts petting/touching	Dog infrequently jumps up and/or reluctantly accepts petting/touching	Dog consistently jumps up and/or will not accept petting/touching
door/threshold manners	Dog waits to pass through door/threshold until released	Dog waits briefly but does not wait until released	Dog does not wait

Comments: