



## Best Friends Dog Club of Sun City Fairway Recreation Center Class Guidelines

We're so pleased that you and your best furry friend(s) have made the decision to train with our club. So that all have a safe and happy class experience, please read and follow our training guidelines.

The Best Friends Dog Club training yard is located at the far east end of the Fairway Recreation Center. Access is available from the parking lot. (Only service dogs are allowed inside the recreation center.) There is a gated potty area next to the training yard.

### For class please bring:

- a buckle collar or a harness. No retractable leashes.
- small, soft, easily-swallowed-without-chewing, yummy training treats (about the size of a dime for large dogs and the size of a pencil eraser for small dogs) in a fanny pack, carpenter's apron, shirt or pants with large, easily accessible pockets.
- a small mat for your dog to settle on.
- a small bowl for water. There is a water fountain in the training area.

### Potting your dog

- Please arrive early enough to potty your dog (even if you have walked and pottied your dog before leaving home). Dogs become "inspired" when they smell other dogs' "pee-mail."
- Please only one dog in the potty area at a time. It is important that we make all effort to avoid dogs pottying in the training yard as the urine and feces can damage the artificial grass and equipment.
- Do not let dogs potty on the walls, fences, or equipment. If an accident does occur, please use the spray bottle provided to cover the accident.

### Safety Concerns

- If you come early, as a courtesy, please refrain from entering the training area if a class is in session as the introduction of a new dog can be very disruptive to the class in progress.
- If Fido or Fifi is feeling under the weather, please feel free to attend that session alone, but DO NOT bring a sick dog (this includes dogs with a cough or diarrhea) to class, as some illnesses can be passed from dog to dog.
- Keep in mind that our dogs are here for training. While we love to socialize (see our activities calendar), remember that all dogs are not yet ready to meet and greet. When you are at the training yard it is necessary to keep that "personal space" for each dog. Keep an eye on your dog and keep him in heel position and on a short lead to prevent "visiting."

### Last but not least

- BFDC training is based on the principles of reward-based training. We suggest that you not feed your dog a full breakfast on class days. It is easier to train a dog who is a bit hungry and knows that you have something delicious in your pocket.
- Several of our instructors, students and dogs are highly sensitive to artificial scents such as perfumes, after-shaves, scented body lotions and fabric softeners. . The clash of several scents in our small training yard can be overwhelming. Please refrain from using any of those products on class days.
- Above all, we hope you have a fun learning experience with your K9 buddy!