

Obedience Club of Daytona
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Building - Class - Training Etiquette

Building Safety Procedures:

- **Safety is a priority** for your dog and you! **Keep your dog on a short leash and under control.** No retractable leashes.
- **All dogs must always be on a leash**, held by its person unless instructed otherwise in class.
- **WEAR toe closed shoes, preferably sneakers and comfortable clothes.**
- **Potty your dog away from the building** outside before entering the building.
- **There is a potty area outback too.** When you go out back, make sure you unlock the door handle **BEFORE** you close the door otherwise you will be locked out. Please **USE** the **BOLT LOCK** when you come back in. **DO NOT** leave the door unlocked!
- **Please carry small “waste bags” with you at all times.** Bags are at the back door.
 - If your dog has an accident you must clean it up immediately.
 - Cleaning supplies are in the white buckets near all rings.
- **Female dogs in season are not allowed in the building.** **YOU** should come to class without the dog and apply everything you learn at home. Then return to class as soon as you dog is out of season.

Class & Training Etiquette:

- **The first week, arrive 15 minutes before class start time.** **After the first week,** about 10 minutes before.
- **If you will miss a class let your instructor know.** One family member should be the primary trainer in class.
- **Bring your dog to class HUNGRY.** **Avoid feeding your dog for at least 4 hours before class.**
 - **Bring small pieces of cooked turkey dogs (they are lower in fat, cut into nickel size pieces and microwave for about 1 minute and 30 seconds) or use white string mozzarella cheese. Charlie Bear dog treats are great too.**
- **Training COLLAR:** Bring your dog to class on a well fitted collar. A collar does come with the class and your dog will be fitted that first week in class.
- **NEVER leave a chain training collar on your dog unsupervised!**
- **LEASH: Come to class with a 4-6-foot leash.** The leash should be easy to hold in your hands, and strong enough to control your dog. No chain leashes. **READ** the handout about Leash Handling.
- **You reap what you sow! Train at home as much as possible! Keep it fun and productive!**
 - Class lessons are intended for you to practice at home.
 - **READ** all the handouts! We are providing you with a lot of great information, please make use of it!
 - Make the best of your training sessions at home. Train Smart – use your lesson plans.
 - Try to train a minimum of 15 minutes 3 days a week in addition to class.
 - Consistent teaching and training will yield you consistent good results.
- Training your dog isn't something you do for 8 weeks or 8 months, it's a lifelong gig. We will show you how to train your dog so he can learn to become a well-behaved pet. **YOU** must keep up the training. When you stop training, he may likely stop behaving.