

OCOD Problem Dog Procedure for Instructors

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Some dogs are too aggressive to have in a class situation. For everyone's safety, these dogs should not be kept in a class. Aggressive dogs can't learn in a group setting and make it impossible for other students and dogs to learn.

Being rambunctious, obnoxious, or curious is not aggression, those are control issues. However, these dogs can be disruptive to the overall class. Be certain you provide this owner with **Brandy Schmid's Leadership handout available on the OCOD website under Members Only.**

1. **If you aren't sure if the dog is being aggressive, and/or a problem that requires the dog to be released from a group class, ask one of the Training Directors for assistance:**
 - a. Diane Schultz – 386-871-8715 (text or call) dianeschultz4295@gmail.com
 - b. Ralph Orlando – 386-788-4268 (call) [rororando2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rorando2@cfl.rr.com)
2. **If you know this is a problem dog that must be released from a group class, you have a couple of choices.**
 - a. You can take care of it on your own or:
 - b. Let them know you will have someone contact them for a one-on-one evaluation. YOU, the instructor contact Diane to see when someone can come meet with the owner to advise them of the options.
3. **General recommendations for training and rehabilitation outside of a group atmosphere will be provided. The contacts listed below were referred by Brandy Schmid**
 - a. Be sure the owner is provided the "Leadership" handout and that an Instructor has reviewed the process with the owner.
 - b. If the dog is a purebred, and we have someone within the club qualified to meet with the owner, let's set it up.
 - c. The following names/contacts will be provided:
 - Breanna Botelho – 857-206-3189
 - Albert Russell – 386-265-3501
 - Pat Tricher - 407-469-5583
 - Brandy Schmid – 386-478-9898 (very busy, may not have time)
4. **Once the team goes through a rehabilitation process, if the owner would like to return to a group class, a meeting will be set up with the Instructor and/or a Training Director to re-evaluate the dog to ensure the dog is ready to attend class.**

**Doggedly yours,
OCOD 2020 Training Directors**