



Houston Obedience Training Dog Club, Inc.

A nonprofit organization since 1965

NOVICE CLASS - GENERAL INFORMATION

Houston Obedience Training Dog Club, Inc. is a nonprofit organization incorporated in 1965 in the State of Texas for the purpose of making dogs better companions of man.

We do not train your dog for you. In fact, only on very rare occasions will one of our instructors handle your dog. Our course is designed to teach **you** how to train your dog. We do this by having our instructors meet, one-hour, one night a week with their classes to teach the exercises. You will bring your dog to class so we may note your progress and demonstrate further lessons. Our classes are designed so that they build on each other.

For this reason, it is essential that the person training the dog attend all six classes. The dog learns the exercises by consistent repetition of the class instruction. Each handler has a different method of giving the dog the command. More than one person during the learning period may confuse the dog. The remainder of the week following each lesson, the handler will work the dog at home on previous lessons.

It is assumed that you already own the equipment that is required to accomplish the exercises: a flat buckle nylon or leather collar or a positive control collar and a 4-foot nylon or leather leash, and a 15-foot long line. If you do not have these items, they can be purchased from the club or any good pet store.

We look forward to working with you and your dog!

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HOUSTON OBEDIENCE TRAINING DOG CLUB

Novice is designed for the dog and handler who might want to one day participate in competitive obedience. Exercises are a combination of repeated skills learned at the Beginning Novice level and new, progressively difficult exercises. Novice consists of six weeks of training classes. You will be expected to present proof of rabies vaccinations for your dog and you must bring all required equipment to the first class. *Classes are held at our new indoor facility at 2400 Campbell, Unit H. The building faces Emnora and sits between Campbell and Blalock.*

Requirements: handler must be at least 14 years of age. Dogs must have successfully completed a HOT Dog Club Basic Class, or its equivalent. Dogs must be at least six months of age, be current on all vaccinations and proof of vaccination for rabies, ie: a copy of the certificate provided by your vet should be returned with your application. All breeds will be accepted; dogs need not be pure bred.

Fee: Non-H.O.T. Members - **\$95.00**; H.O.T. Members – free.

Required Equipment: flat buckle nylon/leather collar or positive control collar, 4-foot nylon/leather leash, 15-foot long line.

Registration: Please complete the registration form below and mail with the **\$95.00** training fee. Make checks payable to the **H.O.T. Dog Club, Inc.** Checks will not be cashed until after the first class. **Mail to 1249 Ridgley, Houston, TX 77055. If you pay online you may fax your forms and rabies certificate to (713) 849-2298.**

Should your application not make the deadline, your name will be added to our waiting list for the next series of classes. Registrations will not be accepted at orientation. Your registration will be confirmed by mail or phone prior to orientation. *For more information call our voice mail, 713-694-7446..*

----- *Complete and return the registration form below* -----

Please enroll me in the Novice Class that is scheduled to begin on _____

The scheduled starting date of a class is subject to delay due to inclement weather or the class not filling. Enrollment will close when classes are filled or one week prior to the start of class, which ever comes first.

Handler's Name		Age	Home Phone	Work Phone
Mailing Address				Zip Code
Email Address		Occupation		
Dog's Call Name		Breed	Male or Female	
Dog's Color	Dog's Date of Birth	Rabies Certificate Number and Date		
If you have previously trained a dog - where and with whom?		How did you find out about these classes and/or this club?		
Should my dog or I do any damage to other persons, property or other dogs, I shall accept full responsibility. Handler's signature				Date
*Co-signature for Junior Handler				

***Junior Handlers must be 14 or older to train a dog in class. A parent or guardian must co-sign the registration form and accompany the handler during the weekly classes.**

HOUSTON OBEDIENCE TRAINING (H.O.T.) DOG CLUB'S
Novice Class: Dog's Profile

Date: _____

Owner's Name: _____ Dog's Name: _____ Dog's Age: _____

Breed: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____ Neutered/Spayed (Y or N): _____

Age Dog Obtained: _____ From Whom: _____ (i.e., Breeder, Pet Store, SPCA, etc.)

Problems: House soils _____ Chews _____ Digs _____ Jumps Up _____ Unruly _____

Barks _____ Aggressive to Dogs _____ Aggressive to People _____ Bites _____ Runs Away _____

Shy _____ Other Problems: _____

How is dog disciplined for problem behavior? _____

How does the dog react to discipline? _____

Where does the dog sleep? _____ Where is the dog during the day? _____

Do you have other pets? _____ If yes, how many / what kind? _____

How many children / adults in household? _____ How often is dog groomed and by whom? _____

What is dog fed and how often? _____

How does dog react to strangers? _____

Does dog have health problems? _____ If yes, what are the circumstances? _____

What are your goals in this class? _____

This information will enable your instructor to better understand your dog and assist you in achieving your training goals.

REFUND POLICY

No refunds will be made after the first class is completed.

Houston Obedience Training Dog Club, Inc. does not allow overly aggressive or vicious dogs in its classes. Dogs who are potentially dangerous to other people and/or dogs will be dismissed from class and referred to a private canine behavior modification program at the owner's request. **In the case of dismissal, NO REFUND WILL BE GIVEN and the dismissed dog may not enroll in any future HOT Dog Club class until the owner can provide proof that a behavior modification program has been successfully completed.**

Please sign below to indicate your understanding of this policy.

Dog's Owner	Date	Handler	Date
<i>(Parent or guardian should sign for (If other than owner/handler under 18 years)</i>			

Note: If this form is returned electronically, your actual signature will be collected on the first night of class.

Please return form to: 1249 Ridgley
Houston, Tx 77055

Fax: (713) 849-2298
All forms should be received prior to 1st class

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT HOT DOG CLUB CLASSES

You may pay for classes online using a credit card, electronic check or electronic funds transfer. If you use the online payment service, you must complete the registration form and profile and send them with a copy of your rabies certificate to us either by mail or fax. Your payment, registration form, profile and proof of vaccinations, must be received prior to the scheduled start date of the class in order for your registration to be accepted.

Except for Tracking, all classes are held at our indoor facility at **2400 Campbell, Unit H. The building faces Emnora and sits between Campbell and Blalock.**

Handlers must be at least 14 years of age and the same person should be available to handle the dog during all the class sessions.

HOT's classes are open to both pure- and mixed-bred dogs.

With the exception of Puppy Class, dogs must be at least six months of age and must be current on all age appropriate vaccinations. Proof of vaccination for rabies, ie: a copy of the certificate provided to you by your veterinarian, **must be attached to your application.** Tags do not constitute proof. You will not be allowed to participate in the class if proof of this vaccination is not received prior to the first class.

Please bring, to each class, water for your dog and soft treats such as hotdogs, cheese, liver or jerky, sliced thin or torn into small pieces. It's best to bring a variety of treats to help keep your dog's interest and attention throughout the entire class hour.

If your dog is ill, do not bring it to class. You should still attend so you can observe the lessons being taught, then practice at home with your dog before the next class. If you must miss a week, contact your instructor and they will try to schedule an abbreviated make-up lesson with you prior to the next class.

HOT DOG CLUB TRAINING RULES

1. Each individual is responsible for his/her own dog while in the training area.
2. Do not let your dogs defecate/urinate in the building. Please use the designated outdoor area to exercise your dog prior to class and at breaks. Each handler **MUST** promptly clean up after their dog.
3. Bitches attending class while in season must be given no-mate pills and/or no-mate spray and must wear bitch britches.
4. Dogs must be suppressed from disruptive barking and noise making.
5. Dogs must be prevented from becoming aggressive with or bothering other dogs.
6. Each individual is responsible for implementing a flea control program for their dog(s).
7. Handlers are responsible for keeping their dog's vaccinations current.
8. Dogs that in the instructor's opinion have physical conditions that may be made worse by participation in a class, may, at the instructor's discretion, be restricted as to how much they may participate in a class.
9. Dogs with any medical condition that may pose a risk to other dogs in the class are not allowed on the lot until their veterinarian provides documentation that they are no longer a threat to other dogs.
10. Handlers who continually disregard any of the rules may be dismissed from training class without recourse.
11. Guests and children are welcome to observe classes but must follow the direction of the instructor.
12. Handlers shall wear clothing and footwear that is conducive to training and does not impede their movement or present a hazard to themselves or others while participating in any class or training session.

HOUSTON OBEDIENCE TRAINING DOG CLUB

DATE _____

NAME _____

RELEASE

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE HOLDING OF THE OBEDIENCE TRAINING AND OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE MY DOG(S) TRAINED, I HEREBY AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE HOUSTON OBEDIENCE TRAINING DOG CLUB, INC., ITS OFFICERS, MEMBERS, DIRECTORS AND ANY AGENTS THEREOF FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR INJURY WHICH MAY BE OR IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO OR BY ANY PERSON, DOG, ACT, OR THING WHILE UPON ANY OBEDIENCE TRAINING PREMISES OR GROUNDS OR NEAR ANY ENTRANCE THERETO. FURTHER, I PERSONALLY ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY OF ANY SUCH CLAIM FOR LOSS OF INJURY ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO ANY PERSON OR THING BY MY OWN ACT OR BY ACT OF MY DOG(S); AND I FURTHER AGREE TO HOLD THE AFOREMENTIONED PARTIES HARMLESS FROM ANY CLAIM FOR LOSS TO MY DOG(S) BY DISAPPEARANCE, THEFT, DEATH OR OTHERWISE AND ANY CLAIM FOR DAMAGE OR INJURY TO MY DOG(S), WHETHER SUCH LOSS, DISAPPEARANCE, THEFT, DAMAGE, INJURY OR OTHERWISE IS CAUSED OR IS ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE CLUB, OR OF ANY OF THE PARTIES AFORE-MENTIONED, OR BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY OTHER PERSON, OR ANY OTHER CAUSE OR CAUSES.

Signature _____

Application accepted by Training Director _____