

PEOPLE COMMANDS

(SDTC RULES)



*Suburban Dog Training Club of
Eastern Montgomery Co., Inc.
is a member of the Pennsylvania
Federation of Dog Clubs, Inc.*

One of the many advantages of training with a club in a class setting is that your dog is exposed to many different dogs and people in a group environment. But, this introduces certain responsibilities as well. Success depends on the efforts of all of us together!

READY, SET...

1. In accordance with our insurance regulations, persons may not train without paying appropriate dues and/or fees. Due to zoning requirements, all dogs thirteen weeks and older training at our facility must have a **valid Dog License and a current rabies vaccination certificate.**
2. When someone requests to train a dog for problem behaviors, SDTC may require an evaluation by the training committee to make sure that group class is an appropriate training setting for the dog.
3. Cars must park on the gravel lot or on the street.
4. Handlers are expected to exercise their dogs at home; however, if a dog must relieve itself after arriving at school, a doggie relief area is provided. It is the grass area to the left of the entrance walk and is marked with a bucket. When in doubt, ask someone. Use the equipment

provided at the doggie relief site to clean up after your dog. **You must always clean up after your dog.**

5. Bitches in heat must not be brought to obedience or show handling class. Dogs that are ill or have fleas should be kept at home for their own protection and that of other dogs. Handlers may attend without the dog.
6. Handlers must wear low-heeled rubber-soled shoes. Anyone not wearing proper shoes will be excused for the evening. **This rule must be upheld not just for safety but also to comply with the requirements of our insurance policy.**
7. Proper training equipment includes a well-fitting approved collar without tags attached and a woven or leather leash without tags. Approved collars include flat buckle collars, choke collars, prong collars and halti collars. Collars other than training collars should be removed during class. Unacceptable leashes include chain, plastic, cat leashes, clothesline. Ask your instructor about the appropriate equipment for you and your dog.
8. Smoking is not permitted anywhere inside the building.
9. Visitors, including children, are welcome to observe training classes but must remain seated. Visitors or prospective members may not bring dogs to class without permission. Handlers and dogs must keep exits clear at all times.

TRAIN!








1. Handlers must keep their dogs under control at all times. No dogs are to run loose. Keep your dog on lead while coming and going between the class and your car. Do stationary exercises on lead until your dog is steady enough not to make another dog break.
2. No dog socializing or playing in class. Be aware of the effect you or your dog may have on others – seemingly innocent behavior can cause big problems. Friendly attempts to socialize may be perceived as threatening by a shy or territorial dog. Two dogs playing may get in the way or provoke another dog.
3. Instructors are in charge. For the safety of everyone—dogs and people—SDTC instructors have the duty to correct any dog engaging in dangerous or provocative behavior.
4. **Never** offer treats to someone else's dog without asking permission.
5. Loud conversation and barking dogs are distracting and will not be tolerated. The instructor will help you keep your dog from barking. The acoustics in the building are less than ideal and it can be noisy. Keep conversation to a minimum during class so that others can hear the instructor.
6. Handlers and their dogs must stay clear of other class areas.
7. Training members are required to help clean the school twice a year.

EVENTS

FOR MEMBERS

THROUGHOUT

THE YEAR

-  Veteran Dog Night for Older Dogs
-  Summer Picnic – People & Dogs
-  Spring Match Show
-  Fall Match Show
-  Plaques for Titles
-  Awards for Achievements
-  Annual Banquet
-  Agility for Fun
-  Nursing Home Demonstrations and Hospital Visitations for Registered Therapy Dogs

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