

Adult Dog Class FAQs

Thank you for signing up for Adult Dog Classes here at Columbus Humane! We're so excited to help you and your dog live your best lives together! We hope this document will help answer your pre-class questions. If you have questions which are not answered below, please reach out to us at training@columbushumane.org. We will respond within 48 hours.

What should I bring to class?

Week 1: Just you! We like to have humans only at the first class to allow everyone to get off on the right foot, without the distraction of the dogs.

Weeks 2-6: You, your dog on a flat buckle collar and leash, and high-value treats. More details about what to bring will be covered in week 1.

Can my kids come to class?

Sure! We ask that children under 16 are well-behaved and accompanied by an adult, other than yourself, that is not responsible for handling your puppy during class.

What will my dog learn?

You and your dog will learn how to be a team! Our focus is on helping your dog become a polite family member, increasing the bond between your human family and your dog family, and less on learning lots of tricks. We do go over manners, basic skills, and enrichment to help your dog learn how to be their best selves. You will receive a full curriculum in week one.

My dog barks at other dogs. Can they come to class?

Usually, yes. We can help you work with your dog, using visual barriers and distance, to help them focus during class. If you have specific questions about your dog and whether our classes are a good fit, please reach out!

Do you accept dogs with aggression?

Unfortunately, no. We cannot accept dogs with a history of aggression towards humans or other dogs. Doing so would not give you or the other families a quality training experience. Dogs designated as dangerous or vicious are not eligible for classes at Columbus Humane. We would be happy to refer you to other trainers who can help; please reach out so we can best direct you!

What vaccines are required to attend class?

Adult dogs (15 weeks and up) are required to be fully vaccinated for DAPP, Bordetella, and Rabies. Please contact us if you have questions.

My dog, or I, are not feeling well. Should we come to class?

We ask that people or dogs exhibiting symptoms of illness (coughing, vomiting, diarrhea, fever) do not come to class. We will be happy to provide you with that week's homework and help you catch up the next week.

I've changed my mind. Do you offer refunds?

We can provide a full refund up to 1 week before the start of class. No partial refunds will be offered for late cancellations or missed classes.