



## DOG TRAINING CLASSES

The Animal Welfare League holds regular classes for both adult dogs and puppies at very reasonable prices (discounted for animals adopted from the League). For information on class training contact staff.

The staff at the Animal Welfare League are available to give telephone advice to help you through those first few weeks with your new dog.

Please request to speak to any of our experienced dog trainers should you need assistance with any problems you may encounter while the dog is settling in to his/her new home.



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# PETCARE HINTS AND RULES OF DOG OWNERSHIP

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- Train your dog in basic manners so that he/she is under control at times - contact a pet dog trainer in your area for assistance. The Animal Welfare League offers classes regularly for both puppies and adult dogs. In addition, the dog behavioural trainers are available to give you advice over the telephone or provide individual training sessions when required.
- Keep your dog on a leash at all times, except in designated "leash-free" areas. Contact your local council for information.
- Make sure your dog receives enough exercise, this should include walks away from your property. (Even the biggest backyard gets boring).
- Do not allow your dog to be noisy and disturb neighbours. Daily exercise, toys, chews and regular games and interaction with the family will help prevent this. For more information refer to our pamphlet on Barking Dogs.
- Pick up after your dog. Always carry a bag for this purpose when walking with your dog.
- Make sure your dog has access to fresh water at all times.
- Provide your dog with a dry, comfortable bed out of the elements.



- Ensure your dog is registered with your local council and keep a collar with an identification tag on it at all times. Microchip your pet and ensure your details are kept up to date.
- Groom your dog regularly. This will help keep parasites away and will ensure your dog looks healthy.



- Make sure your dog is vaccinated and has an annual booster vaccination. Also he/she will need worming every three (3) months and be given regular heartworm prevention (this can be given as a daily tablet, monthly tablet, "spot-on" or yearly injection).
- Desex your puppy/dog to prevent roaming, territorial marking and prostate problems in males. It will also help to prevent roaming, unwanted pregnancies, uterine infections and mammary tumours in females.
- When you go on holiday, ensure proper arrangements are made, for the care of your dog. This may be at a boarding kennel or you may want to arrange someone to live in your house while you are away. Having someone visit once daily to feed and water your dog is not a suitable arrangement and your lonely dog may go wandering to seek company elsewhere.
- Ensure you have adequate fencing for your type of dog .Small dogs can easily squeeze through small gaps and some medium or large dogs, find it easy to jump out of yards if the fence is too low.