

# Policies and Guidelines

## Please note the following JCKC policies:

- Handlers should always check in at the desk or with your instructor before each class.
- Evaluation/consent of the instructor is required before you can join the advanced classes.
- **NO REFUNDS** after classes start. In extremely unusual circumstances, please speak to your class instructor.
- **Holidays:** No classes Labor Day, or between Christmas and New Year's Day. Check with your class instructor.
- **Inclement weather:** Call our club phone line at 636-464-2324 for messages about weather related cancellations. If the roads and parking lot are plowed there's a good chance classes will be held as usual.
- We value your comments and suggestions! Please speak with your class instructor before or after class.

## Training guidelines:

1. **Collars and Leashes:** Handlers should use a **training collar** (also called a slip collar) or a **buckle collar** and a leather or fabric **leash**. If you want to use non-standard equipment, get the consent of your instructor.
2. **Age Requirements:** Handlers should be at least **15 years** old; dogs, and except for puppy classes, at least **6 months** old. Any exceptions should be arranged before the start of class, with the consent of the instructor.
3. **Guest's and Visitors:** Friends and family-including children-are most welcome to watch the activities, so long as they're seated quietly and don't disturb the dogs and handlers. Please remember that not all dogs are comfortable around children and strangers. Before approaching or petting a strange dog, ask the owner's permission.
4. **Control:** Keep your dog **on leash** except for specifically off-leash exercises. You must control your dog (on leash and off leash) for the safety and protection of other dogs and people. Also, please try to prevent excessive barking. Dogs that are overly aggressive or creating a nuisance will be excused at the judgment of the instructor. **DO NOT** bring bitches (female dogs) in season into the club building
5. **Mats, gates, jumps, and other equipment:** Everyone's help is appreciated in setting up the training areas. Please respect the equipment and facilities. Jumps should be used only by physically mature, healthy dogs.
6. **Courtesy:** Handlers should not train in such a way as to distract or interfere with other dogs and handlers. Please yield the "right of way". For example, if a training area is being used for individual instruction, don't enter or leave your dog in that area. Please let other dogs and handlers have their turns using jumps and other equipment or training areas.
7. **Methods:** Only positive and non-abusive methods of training are used in all classes. Experienced handlers are reminded that they're models for beginners-please make your actions, such as in correcting your dog, are what you want beginners to imitate and what you want the general public to think of training.
8. **Abuse:** No abuse of dogs will be tolerated.
9. **Clean-up:** You're responsible for what your dog deposits, both inside and outside the facility. Please "exercise" your dog before class and make sure he doesn't foul the grounds or the surrounding neighborhood. (There are pick-up bags, waste buckets, and other cleaning supplies inside and outside, near the entrance of the building). To help with your dogs urge to potty or get sick during class, we recommend that you do not feed your dogs until after your class.
10. **Infractions:** Instructors shall give one verbal warning for any infractions of the club building rules. Further infractions will result in the handler's suspension.

These guidelines may not cover all situations and problems that could arise. Please use good judgment and courtesy so that everyone can enjoy the club building.

**THANKS!**