

Dog Talk Training and Wellness LLC

GUIDELINES FOR SAFETY and PEACE OF MIND

Awareness Centered Training — ACT — Living and Learning with Dogs — Dog Talk Media©

- 🐾 Pups as young as 4-months are accepted into ACT Level-I training.
- 🐾 Adopted dogs over 6-months, or if you have concerns about dog-to-dog interactions, should be evaluated before joining a group class.
- 🐾 All dogs must have visited their Veterinarian for a wellness check.
- 🐾 **ARRIVAL: Teams**, please be considerate. Park facing the white vinyl picket fences.
- 🐾 Enter the training area through the double white doors. There are (2) fenced areas for you to relax with your dog before class.
- 🐾 **All dogs must be on a 4-6 foot leash – no flexible leads please for safety.**
- 🐾 **Meet/Greets:** Respect the dog and human’s spatial bubble / comfort zone. Some dogs may not want to socialize until they become familiar with the environment, other dogs, people, and have practiced socialization and manners (SAM).
- 🐾 **10/5:** Be aware of what’s going on around you within 10-feet. Within 5-feet ASK before entering human or dog’s spatial bubble/comfort zone.
- 🐾 Be your dog’s advocate (best friend) by taking a deep nose-to-navel breath. Explore, have fun, while being PRO-ACTIVE AND AWARE of your surroundings. Energy flows and shifts as does signals and cues from other dogs, people, children and the environment. Awareness - and teaching - creates the difference between being reactive (booga booga) and proactive (good dog).
- 🐾 **Socialization and Manners (SAM):** Off leash socialization may precede class. It is not mandatory or appropriate for ALL dogs. Puppies have a few minutes to engage with other pups/dogs, in a safe, supervised environment.
- 🐾 This flows into warm-ups and Awareness Centered Training—ACT begins.
- 🐾 **BRING** your dog’s blanket, or use of ours, a favorite toy, and healthy treats.
- 🐾 Do not feed your dog before class. Instead, have them offer you a sit, watch-me, down.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Registered Pet-Partner® or Reading Therapy Team, visit [New England Pet Partners](#), [Pet Partners](#), and [R.E.A.D.](#)

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