

WAG Club Rules

If you can't make it to class, contact your instructor ahead of time to let them know that you will miss a class.

- Students are expected to help with course set-up at the beginning of class (and tear-down in the winter), so please arrive on time to help out.
- WAG instructors are experienced agility trainers and competitors who will always put safety first. Therefore, if a student disagrees with the instructor over a dog's capabilities and use of the equipment in class, the instructor has the final word. Students who decide to leave the class will not be given a refund.
- Please be respectful of other dogs when they are running their obstacles by keeping your dog under control.
- Arena - when entering the arena, knock loudly and wait for permission to enter so that loose dogs do not escape. If you are in the second class, do not enter the arena until the first class departs.
- Please keep your dogs on a leash at all times when outside of the arena (winter) or agility field (summer).
- If at all possible, take your dog out of the arena or the field, if they have to relieve themselves. Ensuring that they do this before class would be best – the reason being that the smell encourages other dogs to do it. It is also good practice for the dog to learn not to eliminate in the ring as you will be disqualified for doing that at an agility trial. **If your dog urinates on equipment or the arena walls, you will be expected to clean it up.** Your instructor will provide you with disinfectant and paper towels.

- **Always pick up your dog's poop and any other garbage you have and please take it home with you. DO NOT put it in the porta-potty.**
- Club Members – students have to have completed the Beginner 2 level before being allowed to practice on the equipment outside of class time (field only).
Important: Please don't ask your dog to do anything that you haven't already been taught how to do in class – one bad experience can undo a lot of your dog's training.
- Bitches in heat are allowed to continue in class. If the Instructor decides that it is too disruptive to the other students, WAG will provide a credit for the classes missed.
- Junior handlers (must be 12 or older) are welcome to participate in WAG Classes. For safety, we do ask that they be accompanied by an adult.
- Children are welcome to come and watch a class. If they are under 12, they must have an adult, other than the dog handler, responsible for them.
- **And finally, please have fun!**

A Note on Dog Behaviour.....Not all dogs are as wonderful with other dogs as we would like them to be, but most of them can learn to “get along” well enough to take part in dog classes. If your dog has a behaviour problem, whether it's with other dogs or with people, please let us know. We'll gladly work with you to help your dog overcome it so that class time will be enjoyable for everyone. Please respect other class members by not putting your dog in a situation that you know will aggravate it (like being too close to another dog while on leash), and be respectful of dogs that are sensitive – this way we can avoid any bad experiences.

In some cases, despite our best efforts, dogs can't learn to get along with other dogs or with people. If your instructor feels that your dog won't fit into the class, after a couple of sessions, she will ask that you leave the club temporarily. WAG will encourage you to get help for the problem, by suggesting obedience classes or behaviour specialists, and will be happy to welcome you back once the problem is overcome. (And of course, we'll refund your class fees for the rest of the session.)