

Group Training Program Requirements

Determination of Eligibility:

- All dogs must be vaccinated to the extent that meets What A Ruff Life LLC requires
- Dogs that exhibit aggressive behavior towards dogs or people; or dogs with issues if incessant barking may be asked to leave the class
- Dogs must be able to work in a group setting with other dogs

Group Classes:

- Do not feed your dog before class
- Participants will receive training instructions including but not limited to, sit, heel, stay, wait, come, leave it, turns, and down which should be practiced and reinforced at home
- We offer three different levels - Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced classes
- Classes are 7 weeks for all levels. (Beginner class will attend first class with NO dogs)
- Each weekly session will be 50 minutes in duration
- Only one handler is allowed to train their dog for the entire duration of each session, other household members are welcome to attend and observe
- Handlers must come prepared with and utilize required equipment (i.e. leash and collar) to ensure safety for the dog and handler
- Class progress will be determined by overall participation and practice of all members
- You must attend 70% of all classes to receive a certificate

Required Equipment:

- Six foot leash
- Proper training collar
- Treat bag with high value treats/kibble
- Proper footwear while attending class

What to focus on:

- Dogs name
- Learn the technique, practice at home with no distractions
- Clarity/Consistency
- Practice/Patience/Persistence
- Basic obedience necessary prior to progressing to ESA, Therapy, or Service dog training