



CATAWBA VALLEY OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.

ETIQUETTE FOR THURSDAY NIGHT TRAINING SESSIONS AND ALL CLUB RELATED

ACTIVITIES (As voted upon by the Board of Directors on May 28, 2014)

Note: These guidelines are made for the benefit of the entire membership. Their intention is to advance and encourage attainment of our training goals.

****THE SAFETY OF PEOPLE AND DOGS IS OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE****

1. We use positive motivational training. Harsh training is NOT allowed.
2. Handlers are responsible for their dogs' actions at all times.
3. Ask permission before approaching another person's dog(s) and do NOT offer treats without the owner's permission.
4. Respect the "personal space" of **all** dogs. Allow at least a **three (3) foot space** around each dog during training sessions – more when possible, except when the exercise requires closer spacing.
5. Clean up after your dog, indoors and outdoors. This is a nice facility and we want to be able to stay here. Please don't leave cups or other trash on the floor, chairs, tables – dispose of it in the receptacles provided.
6. Be considerate of those working on the mats. Socialize out of the training area and/or outside.
7. All training is to be done on lead except during the designated training sessions. Dogs are trained on a **six (6) foot lead** until the handler/dog team can demonstrate off lead control.
8. Members and class participants are asked and encouraged to help put out and put away the mats and other training equipment. If you are physically unable, other volunteer assistance should be substituted.
9. Members will not allow their dogs, or their own actions to infringe on the rights of other members or their dogs, or any participant in a public class offered by CVOC.

THANK YOU!

When there is no public class: One side is Novice/Rally and the other side is Open/Utility or a "special" class.