



STARVED ROCK KENNEL CLUB INC.

POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

Please note the following SRLC policies:

all class are open to the Public and Members alike

CLASS LENGTH: All class are six weeks in length except for the Canine Good Citizen Course. Each class is approximately 1 hour long. NO REFUNDS after class starts. In unusual circumstances, and at the discretion of the instructor, clients may be allowed to apply remaining sessions to another set of classes.

Classes often fill several weeks in advance of each session. Since a maximum member is allowed in each class, it is advised that you send in a \$25 deposit with your registration. This will guarantee your place in class.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: There is no firm deadline. Walk ins are welcome the first night of the 6-week session, but it is recommended to have a guaranteed place in class.

To complete your registration, you must supply proof of shots at your first class. All classes, except Conformation, are one dog, one handler. Conformation is limited to two dogs per handler.

AGE REQUIREMENTS: Children ten (10 years or older are welcome to train with a responsible adult present. **The instructor has the right to ask the adult to take over training, if in the opinion of the instructor, the child is unable to control their dog.**

HOLIDAYS: No classes on Memorial Day, Labor Day, or from Christmas to New Years, and two Mondays in July. Class also will not be held on the Monday before elections since the building is a polling place. In the case of all classes cancelled, missed dates are added to the end of the 6-week schedule and the new schedule advanced.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: Call 815-579-1151 or 815-579-1260 in the case of inclement weather or if you think class may not be held. If the roads and parking lot are plowed, there is a very good chance we will have class as usual.

TRAINING GUIDELINES:

LEASHES: Handlers are required to use a training collar (also called a slip collar/choke) and a leather or fabric leash 4-6 feet in length. No retractable leashes, no harnesses, (except gentle leader), no "quick-release" collars are allowed. All dogs must be on leash at ALL times unless directed by instructor to be off leash. All Dogs in Puppy and Novice class will be on leash at ALL TIMES - NO EXCEPTIONS. THE PROPER COLLAR AND LEASH ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CLUB AT VERY REASONABLE PRICES

All handlers must have their dogs under control **AT ALL TIMES**. Lunging at dogs/owners WILL NOT be tolerated. Owners will be warned and if the behavior persists they will be asked to leave class.

GUESTS AND VISITORS: Family members including children are welcome to observe classes. All children must be supervised and parents are responsible for all damage caused by their children. Remember - not all dogs are comfortable with children and strangers and be sure to ask permission before approaching/petting a strange dog.

CLEANUP: You are responsible for what your dog deposits, both inside and outside of the building. Please "exercise" your dog before class and make sure he does not foul the grounds and surrounding neighborhood. (There are paper towels and spray for inside the building, and pooper scoopers for outside the building). To help with your dog's urge to potty or get sick during class, we recommend that you do not feed your dogs until after their class.

INFRACTIONS: Per SRKC policy, Instructors will give one verbal warning for any infraction of the club's building rules. In the case of aggression against either a dog and/or human, the owner will be given one warning. The owner is solely responsible for the actions of their dogs. If there is another act of aggression, that dog will be forever barred from classes. Examples of behavior that may necessitate expulsion include, but are not limited to: uncontrolled aggression, harsh training inside or outside of the building, lack of cooperation of handler, intoxication etc. These guidelines and policies may not cover all situation and problems that could arise. Please use good judgment and courtesy so that everyone can enjoy their training. Experienced handlers are reminded that they are the models for beginners, please make sure your actions - control of your dog, correcting your dog etc. - are what you want beginners to imitate and what you want the general public to perceive as good "training".

Any questions contact the Director of Training - Sheila Lietz

