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Leash Manners and Polite Greetings

Your class runs for 6 weeks. Rain makeups, if needed, will be added to the end of the session (see below). This class should be enjoyable and educational for both you and your dog. If you are having trouble with any aspect of the class, please talk with us about it and we will do our best to find a solution!

We will be using lots of food in this class as a way to quickly jumpstart behaviors. Bring a hungry dog, and make sure some of your treats are "whole food." When practicing at home, train in very short sessions so that your dog doesn't get too many treats at once. We will also be talking about other types of rewards so that you don't have to be dependent only on treats.

Please bring to each class:
- Treats—lots of them, cut up small, and in a treat pouch
- A favorite toy or two to use as a reward and for mini-breaks
- A small blanket or towel for settle exercises
- Water and a bowl

This class meets in public areas.
- We want to keep this class safe and fun for everyone. So please let us know if something is not comfortable for your dog!
- Please take responsibility for your dog as you would in any public areas.
- There may be unexpected people, dogs, or other things going on.
- We will need to follow all leash laws. So please come with your dog on a 6-foot leash. No flexi-leashes please.

VERY IMPORTANT rain cancellation info If it is raining at the time and location of your class, **please call 831-431-0161**. We will post at least one hour before class if we meeting or are canceling. It is your responsibility to check this message. We will also send out an email first thing in the morning so that you will know what the plan is. Please add mardi@gooddogsantacruz.com and jacksk9academy@gmail.com to your safe senders list.

If class is cancelled for any other reason, we will send an email, and also try to call you. If we cancel a class, we will simply tack one on at the end.

We are very sorry, but we do not offer make up classes if you need to miss.

If you have any other questions, feel free to ask at any point.

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Expectations: Practice 5 days a week at home for 15 minutes and 3 times each week away from home.

Goals: By the end of this class, you will have the tools

- To help your dog walk next to you when asked in increasingly more stimulating environments.
- To explore the world with less pulling, and for you to know how to work with pulling when the dog is on free time.
- To be able to be near a person without greeting them when out on walks or at cafes.
- To be able to greet briefly without jumping and disengage.
- We will also review jump prevention protocols at home, though we obviously can't practice at home.

Equipment: We will be using front clip harness, a head halter, or a flat or martingale collar, a six foot leash, a treat pouch that can be move to one side, treats, a tug toy if your dog enjoys playing.

Perhaps the most important piece of this training will be YOU!

What **you** do when your dog is on leash is the most important part of this training!

- Keep your leash a consistent length.
- Hold your hand next to your body—no leash steering and no spring arm.
- Start with a cue ("let's go," "heel," or "walk with me"), end with a release (such as "go sniff" or "go ahead").
- Treat for position—bring your treat to your pants seam and have your dog come into to get the treat. For little dogs, you can drop a treat next to your foot.
- Be reasonable with your dog—don't put them into situations they are not yet ready to handle.
- Remember that training will not be effective if your dog's basic needs for attention, exercise, and social interactions are not being met.
- Be consistent, and make sure everyone who walks and trains are following the same protocols.