

HASLEMERE & DISTRICT DOG TRAINING CLUB

FAQ's

What is the age range of puppies to be able to enroll on the puppy/socialization classes?

As soon as your puppy has completed the puppy vaccinations, normally at around 11 to 12 weeks of age.

The maximum puppy age is 20 weeks.

You will need to provide your puppy's Vaccination Certificate.

What class can my puppy do after it has completed the puppy class?

Normally puppies are then eligible to move up to our Junior Class which is a natural progression from puppy class. This class follows on with gentle handling techniques and motivational, reward based basic obedience commands.

If I join the Club with an older dog what class might be suitable for myself and my dog?

Your dog can be of any adult or more senior years of age and as long as it is reasonable fit and able then a variety of classes are available for obedience/agility/heelwork to music and Rally. For example, if you are a newcomer looking for obedience classes then the Bronze class might be a good starting point for you and your dog.

Contact our Membership Secretary to discuss the best options for you and your dog.

Membership fees are due on the 1 September – can I join the Club at any time during the year & would membership fees be pro-rata?

You can join the club at any time during the year but the membership fees are payable in full unless you join after 1st June.

Can I bring family and/or a friend along to training classes?

Yes! The Club encourages family members and children to attend to encourage all family members to be engaged in training the dog.

How do I cancel my membership?

Contact our Membership Secretary.

How do I make a complaint?

Contact our Club Chairperson, Sue Thornton, directly who will inform you how we can best respond to your complaint.

Is it possible to bring my dog that has not had much people/dog socialization to classes?

In these circumstance you should initially contact Sue Thornton to discuss your dogs requirements to find out if the classes we offer may be suitable for you and your dog.

What does my puppy / dog need to have in order to join?

You will need to provide your dog's Vaccination Certificate.

I would like to consider joining – can I visit to watch training classes before deciding to join?

Yes. Contact Sue Thornton to arrange.

What equipment do I need to bring to training classes?

You will need to ensure your dog has either a collar and lead or halti or harness. You will also need to bring your dog's favourite play toy and some training food treats.

You will need to bring a supply of doggie poo bags should you need to clean up after your dog. Please bring a bowl with water.

Does the Club allow children / junior handlers to join?

Yes – we encourage children and junior handlers to actively take part.

Can I enroll more than 1 dog in different training classes and does a discount class fee apply?

A discount class fee maybe applicable depending on the classes you enroll in - our Membership Secretary can advise you.

Some useful advice for you and your dog before going into a training class

1. Ensure your dog has had a suitable toilet break before class – bring doggie poo bags along with you.
2. Training classes are fairly active and energetic – it is sensible not to feed your dog at least 3 hours prior to class.
3. Wear practical shoes / clothing that is comfortable and allows you to be active with your dog.
4. Make sure your dog has either a collar and lead or halti or harness.
5. Bring along your dog's favourite play toy.
6. A good supply of food training treats for your dog as a positive reward
7. Aim to arrive 5 to 10 minutes before class start time so you can settle both yourself and your dog into the training hall/venue.
8. If you have any concerns about a training exercise during class then do please speak to your Instructor – we are here to help.
9. Please do not bring your dog to class if it unwell.
10. Please do not bring your bitch to class if it is in season.

Other items to note :

General Conduct

The Club does not tolerate any form of abusive language and/or threatening behaviour.

The Club does not tolerate any form of harsh and/or physical correction / punishment to dogs in training classes/training venues.

Banned Dog Breeds in the UK

The Club will not accept training class enrolment for dogs banned under current UK Government Legislation – Pit Bull Terrier / Japanese Tosa / Dogo Argentino / Fila Brasileiro