

TRAINING RULES – revised 11/27/17

Queen City Dog Training Club is an AKC member club that offers training classes to the general public.

Non-members may train on the floor only during the scheduled class time, in the ring assigned to that class, with the dog registered for that class.

Additional dogs owned by non-members are not permitted in the building.

Members are permitted to bring multiple dogs that are owned or co-owned by themselves or another member. They may only train one dog at a time.

**In general, children must be at least 12 years old to be on the training floor in classes open to the General Public. Participation of children ages 9-11 in training classes is at discretion of the relevant training director, on a case-by-case basis. They are restricted to handling the dog registered for that class in the ring under adult supervision. They may not bring the dog into or out of the building on their own. They may not approach or touch other dogs.

**Children must be supervised at all times by an adult. They may not approach or touch other dogs. No running or horseplay in the building.

**Visitors are welcome to observe classes open to the public. However, they may not bring dogs and may not interfere with a class.

Before you leave home... Exercise your dog. This helps to reduce excess energy, calm the dog, avoid the tendency to bark, and gives the best conditions for successful training.

You should wear casual, comfortable clothing to class. Shoes should have rubber soles and low heels to insure proper footing. "Flip-Flops" are inappropriate footwear.

<u>When you arrive</u>: Dogs should be "bathroomed" before entering the building. Take the dog to the designated areas on Queen City's property. Pick up and dispose of solid waste using the plastic bags and small trash cans provided.

DO NOT allow the dogs on our neighbors' properties.

Dogs must be on leash and in hand at all times on Queen City property.

Chain link leads and electronic collars are not permitted on the premises.

Flexi leads may be used for specific training exercises within a ring. They are not to be substituted for a leash inside or outside the building.

When you enter the building: Enter with your dog on lead and held close to your side. Do not allow your dog to range out to the end of its lead or to approach other dogs. Some dogs dislike having other dogs approach them. If a dog exhibits a "space" issue, it will be required to wear a yellow scarf while in the building. This allows other handlers to give your dog the space it needs to be comfortable. Queen City is a training facility with dogs in various stages of training.

Dogs must be under control at all times. An unmanageable dog may be required to wear a muzzle at the discretion of the coordinator or instructor. Failure to comply may lead to expulsion.

If your dog has an "accident" on the training floor, you are responsible for the cleanup. There are paper towels, cleaner and a mop for this purpose. Dispose of waste in the trashcans outside the door.

****Accidents on the sport turf in the Hutchins Building must be cleaned up according to the instructions posted, and carry a \$20 fine.** Dogs who urinate on the sport turf are required to wear a "belly band" or panty with absorbent pad.

General:

When in any training ring, water is the only beverage allowed, because of difficulty in cleaning the floor after a spill.

Mistreatment of dogs will not be tolerated. Any action deemed as such may result in expulsion.

Dogs may not be tied or attached to any fixture inside or outside the building.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the property. No smoking in the building or within 30 feet of the entrance.

Water and soft drinks are available for purchase from the refrigerator in the kitchen. It is the honor system. There are recycle bins for pop cans and plastic water bottles.

Please help keep our facility clean. Pick up after yourself and your dog. Dispose of waste in the trashcans outside.

The building closes at 10 pm on training nights for all non-members.

Health Rules: Proof of vaccinations must be provided.

Dogs should be free of external parasites.

Never bring a sick dog to class. If your dog is not feeling well, the class will not be a positive experience. You are encouraged to attend class, even if your dog cannot. Our classes train you to train your dog.

Bitches in season are not permitted in the building. If your dog comes in season, contact the registrar to enroll in a future class at no extra cost, or continue to attend class without your dog and work at home.