

Real World Etiquette

Class Description

\$120 / 6 Weeks / 1 Hour

Eligibility: All ages and all breeds welcome.

Drop-In: YES

Revolving Enrollment: YES

What is Real World Etiquette?

Real World Etiquette involves canine obedience and is highly focused on the human learners, by contrast, is built around problem solving and decision making applied to real-life scenarios. Basic obedience behaviors you can expect to learn are: sit, down, stay, come, loose leash walking, leave it, and more. You will learn how to use these basic behaviors to eliminate most problem behaviors (e.g. *leash pulling, jumping on guests, door dashing, car chasing, etc.*). What's most important about this class is you will be able to apply what you've learned and be successful at home or in public.

How is this different from basic obedience or other manners classes?

This class is unique from others in our area for several reasons, one being that we offer Revolving Enrollment (RE). RE allows you to enter the class at any time, as long as the class is not full that particular week. Class is structured so that each week does not depend on the previous week, so you can start at any point.

How we make it fun you ask? Your Trainer will set up mock scenarios as if you were in a vet office, groomer, at home or the office, dog park and out for a walk. Training is not just limited to a classroom. Weather permitting we will also venture into the real world. Below is a breakdown of each session.

Meet & Greet – Learn how to teach your dog to not jump to say hello to people, but to sit politely instead. You will have a chance to work with each other in class.

Home Office Environment – Learn how a down stay on a mat can help keep your dog safe and out of trouble. Discover how and when to use mentally stimulating toys and canine enrichment. The first challenge, you will work at your home office computer while practicing keeping your dog in a down stay. In the second challenge you will learn how to handle additional distractions as fellow students play co-workers or house guests and pass by your desk.

Neighborhood Walk – Today you will learn the basics of teaching your dogs to walk nicely on leash. Behaviors learned includes leash walking, leave it and coming when called. Learn how to deal with distractions and overcome most obstacles faced on a daily walk. This challenge will take place either in the classroom or outside dependent upon weather.

Company Over for Coffee – Teach your dog proper greeting at the door and enjoy a relaxed dog while chatting with friends. You'll utilize the sit, down and proper greeting behaviors to complete this week's challenge. The scenario will consist of a visitor entering your home followed by sitting down for coffee and conversation

Trip to Park – Learn how a leave it, loose leash walking and reliable recall can help keep your dog safe and out of trouble while at the park. Teach your dog not to pick things up from the ground and as a way to ask dogs to break focus from and move away from things, people, other animals, etc. Your challenge this week will be to go on a mock trip to the park.

Cooperative Care – Teach your dog down, stand still and cooperative handling to help them become more comfortable with procedures they're likely to face in real life. Help eliminate fear and anxiety when visiting the vet or groomer. Challenges will include time on a grooming table and relaxing in a mock veterinarian waiting or exam room. Learn how to give your dog a voice and teach them to cooperate in their own care.

What to bring to class?

- 2 different types of food rewards. Be sure they're soft, pea sized treats. Avoid dry crumbly treats.
- Something to carry treats in such as a treat bag, waist apron or be sure to wear clothing with pockets (*its best to find something that clips to your waist for easy access*).
- 6 ft. leash and a martingale, regular buckle collar or harness (*retractable leashes and choke chains are not permitted*).
- If already using a training aid please feel free to bring that as well (e.g. *no pull harness, head halter or properly fitted prong collar*)
- Travel size bed, rug or mat.
- Water bowl for keeping your dog hydrated and comfortable.
- Close toed shoes for safety (*Not optional*).
- A clicker (*optional*).
- A non-squeaky toy if your dog enjoys playing (*Optional*).