Joseph's Obedience Training School

School Rules

1. A copy of your dog's **rabies** certificate is required prior to the beginning of the first class. Should your puppy be too young for its rabies vaccination a copy of the paperwork for the **second set of shots** are required.

2. Children are encouraged to attend but must remain in the seating area and not disrupt the class in session. If a child distracts the dogs then you will be asked to remove your child from the school.

3. An exercise area is located at the front of the building for your dog. Should your dog need to eliminate, kindly pick up the stools and place them in a plastic bag provided by the school. Please then dispose of the bag in the trash can provided. **There is zero tolerance on this issue!**

4. Keep your dog under control at all times especially when entering and exiting the building. Do not let the dog off lead unless the instructor requests that you remove the lead for an exercise.

5. When there is a class in session, do not make unnecessary noise that distracts the dogs in the ring.

6. If you have a female in season, do not bring her to class. However, it is important that you attend the classes so that you will know what to practice with your dog.

7. Do not give treats to another dog without permission of the owner. Many dogs suffer from food allergies. With permission of the owner, treats may be given at the end of class, outside the ring.

8. If your dog is sick, please do not bring it to class. You are encouraged to monitor the class so that you will be able to work your dog at home following the lesson plan.

9. Any dogs enrolled in puppy or adult play group **must be current or former students at the school**. No dogs shall be admitted without prior approval and or evaluation by Joseph first. This includes owners visiting the school with their dog. No exceptions.

10. No cell phone use is allowed during class. This includes texting. You will be excused from class for phone use.

11. Two family members are welcome to work with their dog. However, we request that there be only **ONE** handler present **in the ring** at a time. Other family members can watch from the sidelines. Each dog in class is required to have a separate handler. For example, if two dogs from the same family are in the ring, two family members or handlers must be present, one for each dog. Handlers need to be **10-years or older** to work with their dogs in any of our classes.

THANK YOU!