



**DROP IN BASIC
OBEDIENCE
TRAINING AT
FCAS**

**MONDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:30 – 8:00 PM IN
THE COMMUNITY ROOM**

DON'T LET YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND DO THIS



HELP HER LEARN TO WALK LIKE THIS



**WE CAN HELP YOU LEARN TO
TRAIN YOUR DOG.**

Experienced volunteer instructors are available to assist you. Please see the reverse side for more information.

E-mail fc1trainer@gmail.com if you have questions or to let us know the first week you will be attending.

FRANKLIN COUNTY SHELTER BASIC OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Preparing for Class

- Your dog should be hungry, but not starving. Depending on your feeding schedule you may want to feed a lighter meal in the afternoon or feed earlier in the day.
- Your dog should have had some exercise, a brisk walk or some play time in the yard, about 1 hour prior to class. You want the dog able to focus, but not exhausted.

Things you need

- You should have a flat buckle collar with no tags and a 4-6 foot leash. If your dog is already wearing a harness or head halter please bring that as well. No slip collars or prong collars please. The leash should be narrow enough and flexible enough that you can fold it up in one hand.
- Small treats, whatever really motivates your dog, some people use cat treats (smell like fish and small pieces), cut up cheese or chicken, kibble, etc.
- Wear flat shoes, comfortable clothing and preferably something with a pocket that you can put treats into. We may ask you to sit on the floor if you are able. Use a belly pouch or treat bag if you need to.
- You may also bring a favorite toy, especially if your dog is less motivated by food.

A Commitment to Training

- We ask that you wait until you have had your dog at home for 1-3 weeks so that you can observe your dog's personality and spot any trouble areas that you want help with.
- Please make a commitment to come to class with your dog for 4-6 consecutive weeks. Teaching a dog how to learn takes time and consistency; we want to give you and your dog every opportunity for success.
- Please contact Lori at fc1trainer@gmail.com as soon as you know what week you want to start coming to class. Our program has been more successful than we anticipated and we want to make sure we are able to give everyone some individual attention.

If Your Dog is Reactive to Other Dogs (a dog that barks, growls, lunges or stares at other dogs)

- You **MUST** contact Lori at fc1trainer@gmail.com prior to coming to class as we cannot have too many reactive dogs at one time.
- Please do not come before 7:00 PM. We work with reactive dogs in the lobby area and we cannot do that during the Shelter's regular operating hours.
- If we feel we cannot help you we will give you a list of certified animal behaviorists who can assist you.