

Skye's Dog Training: Facility Information & Instructions

Arrival Protocol

Training Facility Location:

Skye's Dog Training is located at 6851 South Larabrook Way (3095 West) in West Jordan, UT 84084. Field trip classes are held at a different location each week; clients should not meet at this location for field trip classes. The indoor, climate-controlled training facility is located in the back yard of owner Skye Poitras.

Parking:

For group classes: Clients may park in the driveway (daytime classes only), on the street directly front of the house, on the street south of the house or on the street across (west) from the house. Please do not park in ANY area to the north of the house (those neighbors can sometimes get upset about cars in front of their homes).

For private sessions: Clients should park in the driveway.

Exiting Car:

It is important for clients to make sure their dogs under control and on-leash when exiting the vehicle to avoid disturbances to the neighbors (especially children in the neighborhood). Dogs should never be off-leash on or around the property.

Dog "Potty" Area:

Client's should not allow their dogs to potty on the front or back lawn of the home or on the lawn of any neighbors' homes. Since Skye's Dog Training has around 60 dogs per week visiting the facility, this can become a serious issue with neighbors as this many dogs can easily ruin lawns. There is a designated, fenced (so dogs can potty off-leash if desired) potty area directly behind the training facility for clients' dogs to use.

Entering Facility:

Clients of Skye's Dog Training should enter the training facility through the gate located on the north side of the house.

For group classes: The gate on the north side of the house will be open approximately 10 minutes before class starts each week (clients should not open the gate on their own under any circumstance). If the gate is open, clients are welcome to come back, let their dogs use the potty area if needed (located behind the training facility) and then come in to class. Clients should not enter the training facility until 10 minutes or less before their scheduled class (in case another class

is in session) and should not allow their dogs to greet other dogs outside or inside the training facility unless instructed to do.

For private sessions: The gate on the north side of the house will be open approximately 5-10 minutes before a client's scheduled training session (clients should not open the gate on their own under any circumstance). Once the gate is open, clients are welcome to come back, let their dogs use the potty area if needed (located behind the training facility) and then come in to the training facility. Other than while in the potty area, dogs should be kept on-leash until further instruction once inside the training facility; some dogs with aggression issues should remain on-leash during the entire session.

Who and What to Bring to Training

Who can attend:

For group classes: All members of the client's household age 8 and up are welcome to attend class with the dog that is signed up. While children age 8 and up are allowed in group training classes, it is extremely important that children remain inside the training facility with a supervising adult at all times. The backyard where the training facility is located has items which client's children are strictly prohibited from using before, during and after class. Clients are welcome to bring coloring materials, handheld video games or other quiet activities to keep children entertained during training time. It is important to note that some dogs attending group training classes are there to build confidence and may not be comfortable with children in their space. Children must remain close by a supervising adult during the entire class and should not visit other dogs during the class (with the exception of Puppy Kindergarten class). If a client would like to bring a child to class that is under age 8, they should contact Skye's Dog Training to determine if the class would be appropriate for the child.

For private sessions: All human and canine members of the client's household are welcome to attend. While children of any age are allowed in private training sessions, it is extremely important that children remain inside the training facility with a supervising adult at all times. The backyard where the training facility is located has items which client's children are strictly prohibited from using. Clients are welcome to bring coloring materials, handheld video games or other activities to keep children entertained during training time.

What to bring:

For Puppy Kindergarten class: Clients are encouraged (but not required) to bring treats to reward their puppy for calm behavior during "topic discussion" time in

class. Clients may also want to use treats to create a positive association with the other people and puppies in the class (especially encouraged for puppies who may be shy or nervous in class); this topic will be discussed in detail in class. Usually soft, small (about pea-sized) treats work best for this situation.

Clients are also welcome to bring quiet toys to entertain their puppy during our “topic discussion” time of class. Soft, braided fleece toys work well to redirect dogs (especially puppies) who like to chew on their leash when bored. Clients should not bring squeaky toys (as they are a distraction for other dogs) or balls (as they may roll out of the dog’s area towards other dogs).

Puppies should be on a 6-foot nylon or leather leash for class (a shorter leash will not allow the puppy as much space for playing/interacting/running, a longer leash is likely to get tangled up and become problematic). Please no retractable leashes for this class. Puppies must be wearing a regular flat collar or harness for class; no choke chains, prong collars or shock collars are allowed in classes for any reason.

For all group classes (other than Puppy K): Clients need to come prepared with plenty of special treats to compete with the distractions in class. Special treat recommendations: lunch meat, hot dogs, cheese (good stuff that they might not normally get)! Treats should be about pea size; bring a variety of treats and a hungry dog for best results. To effectively develop self-controlled, calm behaviors for dogs during class, dogs should be provided with the best rewards possible (better rewards usually lead to better behavior and then better habits). Weaning off treats will be easy once dogs understand what is being asked of them, and that topic will be addressed in class as well. All new group class clients (with the exception of Puppy Kindergarten class) will be provided with a free bag to hold the treats at the first class, so clients may want to just bring treats in a zip lock bag.

Clients are also welcome to bring quiet toys to reward or entertain their dog during class. Soft, braided fleece toys work well to redirect dogs (especially puppies) who like to chew on their leash when bored. Clients should not bring squeaky toys (as they are a distraction for other dogs) or balls (as they may roll out of the dog’s area towards other dogs).

Dogs must be on a 5 or 6-foot leash (no retractable leashes) for classes. Dogs must be wearing a regular flat collar, limited martingale collar, harness or head halter for class; no choke chains, prong collars or shock collars are allowed in classes for any reason. If clients feel they might have a difficult time keeping control of the dog in class, Skye’s Dog Training recommends either a Freedom Harness (these harnesses help a lot with pulling on leash and very easy to use, available on amazon or through Skye’s Dog Training) or a head halter such as a Halti for example (but note that dogs will usually need plenty of time to get use to a head halter before classes begin).

For private sessions: Treats will be provided for dogs during private sessions; however, clients are advised to bring treats if their dog is a picky eater or has food allergies. Clients might also want to bring their dog's favorite toy(s) as they may be used during training. All new private training clients will be provided with a free bag to hold the treats at the session, so clients may want to just bring treats in a zip lock bag.

MISSED CLASS POLICY:

Clients may attend another class that is covering the same topics (if one is available) for free; however, if this option is selected, please note that **ONLY** the owners may come to the class (without their dog). This is to ensure that the class sizes stay small as I promise to all my clients. Or, owners may choose to just miss the class and read over the provided handout material on their own to make it up.

Clients are responsible for viewing upcoming class date/time options to determine which class they need to attend to make up for the missed week. Clients should text or email the day before the class they wish to attend to verify that the class is not canceled (classes may be canceled due to instructor illness or adverse weather conditions) and to inquire if a space may be available in the class.

If possible, clients should send a text (801-885-3922) or email (info@skyesdogtraining.com) to inform Skye's Dog Training that they will be missing the class that day. Another client may want to take the missing client's space in the class for a make-up opportunity.