

HMK9 Class Q&A

What Should I Expect from Group Classes?

All of our classes are Positive Reinforcement based in order to promote a motivated canine and a fun energetic atmosphere. In obedience classes, You will also be taught how to properly use corrections in a fair and effective manner. Even if you are adequately prepared to train your dog on your own, classes provide a unique socialization opportunity as well as challenging distractions that you cannot find elsewhere.

How Long Does Training Take?

Classes last 4-8 weeks which provides plenty of time to practice. However, your dog will need to practice class exercises at home in order to master commands. We recommend 5-10 minutes per night. Without consistency, your dog may struggle with even the most basic of concepts. With consistent work, you can expect your dog to be proficient in all of the commands by the end of the class, however training is a lifetime responsibility and your dog will need continual upkeep.

Classes are not intended to resolve larger behavioral concerns in your canine. If your dog needs more than obedience and manners, contact a HMK9 trainer for recommendations on further instruction.

Do I have to vaccinate my dog?

We recommend that your dog have all the age appropriate vaccines before having contact with other canines. This is not a requirement to attend class due to the controversy that surrounds vaccines, however, if you choose not to vaccinate, you are accepting the risk of exposing your companion to the potential illness.

We encourage responsible owners to leave their dogs intact throughout adolescence and we welcome intact dogs to enroll in our classes. Keep in mind that, during the most receptive week of her cycle, your female may need to remain at home. Even if your canine can not make it, we recommend that you still come and participate in class so that you can take what you learn and apply it at home.

What if I have to miss a class?

It is no problem if you need to miss a class. You are not required to attend all class sessions and we can send materials to help keep you caught up and ready to jump back in the next week. The price of the class will not be prorated. The spot you reserved for the class costs the same amount whether you attend all of the sessions or just one, so please make an effort to make it to class so that you can absorb all of the value you have paid for.

HAVE FUN WITH TRAINING YOUR DOG!