DEL MONTE KENNEL CULB
OBEDIENCE CLASS
DOG AND HANDLER ETIQUETTE

Welcome to your Del Monte Kennel Club (DMKC) obedience class. DMKC's goal is to provide a safe and fun learning environment for you and your dog. Training your dog in a classroom or group environment is not without risks, so we ask that any participant in any class be aware of the following:

Your application includes space to indicate any specific behavioral concerns you may have about your dog. Please ensure that you provide as much information as possible, so that our instructor can best assist you and your dog in a group setting.

It is imperative that handlers control their own dogs and be aware of other dogs and handlers. Dogs should not be allowed to come into physical contact with one another, nor should they be allowed to "stare down" another dog while on the premises. This can lead to heightened anxiety in dogs which can lead to aggressive behavior.

It is ultimately each handler's responsibility to ensure that his/her dog is not reacting in a negative or aggressive manner towards another dog or person.

If you are in class with a dog who makes you or your dog uncomfortable, please identify your concerns to a DMKC representative or to the instructor.

Should your dog injure another dog or person, or should you or your dog be injured by another dog, please notify a DMKC member. A DMKC representative and the instructor will discuss options for modifying the dog's behavior.

Should an incident occur where another dog or person is bitten, the person whose dog is responsible is to assume all medical expenses.

Depending upon the nature of the act, and pending action by the DMKC Executive Board, a decision may be made to not allow the aggressor dog to return to class.

We hope that your experience with DMKC obedience class is a positive and enjoyable one. We encourage you to ask questions and seek additional information from DMKC members or your instructor. We are all here to help you have a successful training experience with your dog.