

**NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST FOR GROUP CLASSES
WELCOME TO WOLVERINE DOG TRAINING CLUB!**

Our training facility is heated/air conditioned and the training floor consists of a rubber material for the safety of you & your dog. We are located in the Orchard Lake Trade Center building at:

20782 Orchard Lake Rd. (just North of 8 Mile Rd)
Farmington Hills, MI 48336



If you have not already submitted a copy of your dog's health records, please bring a copy for us to keep with you the first night of class.

WE REQUIRE PROOF THAT YOUR DOG IS UP TO DATE ON AGE APPROPRIATE VACCINATIONS AND IS FREE OF INTESTINAL PARASITES. (VETERINARY TITERS ARE ACCEPTABLE). BORDETELLA RECOMMENDED.

For the first night of class, please bring:

1. A hungry dog! Hold back part or all of their dinner depending on what time your class begins.
2. A **collar and leash**. We highly recommend a four or six-foot leather leash. If you do not have one, they are available at cost from the club. For puppies, we recommend a simple buckle-type collar. For beginner dogs, we may recommend that you try a different type of collar once we have observed you and your dog and discussed your needs. The club maintains a small number of a variety of collars available for purchase, as well as high quality leather leashes. For those requiring assistance in proper fitting of collars or equipment purchases, instructors will be available before or after class.
3. A baggie full of **treats** for your dog (small enough to eat quickly- a variety of soft treats is best). A high value treat is desirable because your dog will initially be distracted by the new environment and the other dogs. Good choices are hot dogs that have been quartered, sliced and microwaved (to remove the grease); string or regular cheese cut-up, firm meats cut in small pieces.
4. A **bait bag, fanny pack or LOOSE pockets** for your treats – you won't be able to carry a bag around with you.
5. **PATIENCE** and a big smile!

Please remember:

1. We cannot make up a class you miss. If you miss one, come in just a couple of minutes early to find out what exercises were missed. We do our best to help you catch up.
2. If Wolverine has to cancel a class for any reason, we will do our best to schedule a make-up class (which normally would occur the week following the last scheduled class).
3. Family members are welcome to attend. **We ask that one primary handler be designated to work the dog throughout the training session**, including homework. We realize schedules sometime require a substitute handler, but try to maintain consistency - it will help your dog learn what is expected of him/her. Young children who cannot reliably sit quietly for the full class are better left at home.
4. Your dog needs to know when he is right! **Praise** is essential to good canine behavior. Our methods emphasize positive reinforcement.
5. Wear clothes that will allow you to sit on the floor, if need be, and good athletic shoes. For your safety, **PLEASE do not wear flip-flops, sandals, or backless shoes!**
6. For the safety of all dogs - **Please watch your dog at all times and keep them focused on you!!!** Some dogs may react if dogs are allowed to stare or rush towards them.

Be prepared to be both humbled by your dog and amazed by him!! We look forward to teaching you how to train your dog!

If you have any questions, please call the Wolverine phone at **(248) 476-8650**.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: if Schoolcraft College is closed - WDTC is closed; please consider time of day, i.e. evening closures means evening class is canceled.