

Merrimac Dog Training Club, Inc. Training Regulations

1. Puppies in “Puppy” and “Conformation” classes must be 12 weeks old on the first night of class. For all other classes, dogs must be at least five months old the first night of class.
2. Bitches in season are not permitted to participate in training classes. Handlers should attend class and work their bitches at home on exercises performed in classes missed.
3. All dogs must have shots appropriate for their age and breed—rabies, distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, kennel cough and parvo inoculations—before joining the classes. Proof of shots should be available at the first class and will be checked for “Puppy” and “Basic Obedience” classes. The instructor or training director may randomly request to examine these records at any class (and may excuse any dog for which such records cannot be produced). However, the person signing the Training Class Application is fully responsible for insuring that shots are up to date.
4. Except for “Conformation” classes, the required training equipment consists of an appropriately fitted collar and a six-foot leather or woven leash. Electronic collars are banned from activities sponsored by MDTC. For “Conformation” classes, a collar/lead appropriate to the breed in conformation competition may be used.
5. Each handler must watch and control his/her dog at all times. A handler should never allow his/her dog to get into the space of another dog. Dogs wanting to visit or "say hi" can be put into a very dangerous situation as well as their handlers.
6. At the discretion of the training director/assistant director, fighters and/or overly aggressive dogs may be barred from classes.
7. The instructor reserves the right to bar from classes any dog suspected of having a contagious disease.
8. Functional training attire that will allow kneeling should be worn. No loose fitting sandals. Soft-soled shoes (sneakers) must be worn. If you do not wear this type shoe, you will not be allowed in the class, but you may watch.
9. You are responsible for cleaning up any accident your dog may have. Keep paper towels and plastic bags with you in case an accident occurs.
10. Non-members, including prospective members, shall train in the building only in a class in which they are enrolled.
11. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted at the training building.
12. Person or persons signing the application form are the only persons permitted to train dogs at the club facility.
13. As a general rule, if Thomas Nelson Community College Hampton Campus is closed due to inclement weather, MDTC will also be closed.