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## **IN-KENNEL TRAINING –ABBREVIATED (2 WEEK)**

Welcome to Common Scents. Thank you for considering us for your training needs.

In-Kennel Training is a program that offers professional training for your dog while boarding at our facility. The abbreviated program, described here, is a 2 week training course designed for people who wish to have their pet trained during a vacation stay, or wish to have a solid training foundation from which to continue training on their own or in subsequent classes. Our program is both instructional and fun. We want your dog to enjoy his or her stay with us.

Because of the shorter time period, the abbreviated program has some limitations. In order to be able to accomplish this program in the time allotted, it is necessary that the dog have no major behavior problems or social issues, and is reasonably comfortable during a free trial day. These limitations are all necessary to ensure that training can begin with a minimal adjustment period, and can be completed without interruption.

Common Scents will first help you decide if our abbreviated In-Kennel Training program is suitable for your dog. You will be asked to fill out a detailed questionnaire and pet profile and mail or fax it back to us. Once received, we will have a detailed discussion with you to screen the information and determine that your dog is friendly and accepting of both people and other dogs, will readily accept food treats from a trainer, and is non-aggressive. This screening is necessary as the abbreviated program does not provide ample time for a prolonged adjustment period, nor is it designed to deal with aggression, shyness, separation anxiety, or other significant behavior problems.

Assuming that your dog is accepted for training, a 2- hour check in appointment will be scheduled to more comprehensively evaluate your dog, review a detailed history, discuss your priorities and lifestyle, and explain our positive reinforcement training theory and techniques. At the end of this session, your dog will be left for its two -week stay.

### **During your dog's stay, the following exercises will be included in its training program:**

- Sit and Sit-Stay
- Down and Down-Stay
- Coming when called on a long-line
- Walking on a loose line
- Greeting visitors
- "Watch" for attention
- Basic manners (jumping, barking, etc.)

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### **Not included:**

- Proofing
- Distraction training
- Class work and socialization
- Behavior modification for serious behavior problems
- Off leash work

At the end of your dog's stay, a 1½ - 2 hour check-out session will be provided to begin the process of transferring the skills learned by the dog to the owner. A follow up session will also be provided at no charge. Additional private lessons may be scheduled at the owner's discretion. The cost of the two week abbreviated In-Kennel Training program is \$850.00\* . The fee is due at check in.

### **Included in the Abbreviated Program:**

- Daily training and play time (7 days a week)
- A book, DVD, and written lesson plans
- All equipment you will need for training
- A "hot line" to us anytime you have a question
- A no-charge follow up session.

Common Scents is committed to helping you make your relationship with your dog the best it can be. Please call us for additional details.

A more comprehensive In-Kennel Training program is also available. See separate program description.

### **PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW REGARDING YOUR APPOINTMENT.**

#### **Instructions for In-Kennel Training Clients:**

A map to our location is located on the back of the enclosed brochure. If this is not adequate, there are more detailed instructions on our website at: [www.commonscentscanine.com](http://www.commonscentscanine.com), or please call for details. It is important that you arrive on time- preferably a few minutes early- so that you will have a full two hours for your appointment. We are not usually in a position to run past your scheduled time. Please do not bring young children to this session, as it will distract you from being able to focus on the material to be discussed.

In-Kennel Training Programs are conducted at the Training Center, located on the grounds of our complex. Upon entering the grounds, you will proceed up a steep hill. At the top of the hill, turn left into a small parking lot. Proceed to the end of this lot where you will see the Training Center with a sign over the entry door. Pull up to the left, facing the pond at the east end of the lot.

Please wait in your car with your dog until a trainer comes out to greet you. Wait until the trainer is in position, along the fence, off to the side of your vehicle. At this time the trainer will motion you up to him or her. Please exit your car with your dog on a leash approximately six feet long (no flexi-leads, please) and approach the trainer in a casual but friendly manner. The dog should be on whatever collar or device you normally walk him/her on. (Head Start clients: If your puppy is too young to walk on a leash, you may carry it).

It is important at this time that you give your dog no commands or corrections. This will help us to get a neutral reading on your dog. Allow the dog to approach the trainer in whatever fashion they wish. This includes barking, lunging, jumping, etc. If the trainer feels your dog presents a danger, they will merely ask you to stop. The trainer will engage you in a brief conversation while they observe your dog. After a few moments, you will both proceed with your dog into the building for the remainder of the appointment.

