

Dog-9-19 yrs, (Countywide, Tremont)

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This project will be a super interactive dive into dogs and dog culture surrounding obedience and AKC conformation standards. The class will include topics such as: basic obedience training (sit, stay, down, recall, heel, turns) and AKC conformation techniques: how to stack your dog, move your dog, present for examination etc. There will also be extensive information on the different official AKC groups, the dogs in each group and well as what each specific breed was designed to do.

Safety topic will also have a variety of dog safety techniques and grooming to include but not be limited to: correct spacing between dog/handler and another group of dogs/handlers, how to avoid the dog bite, how to correctly handle your dog in large groups and small spaces to avoid possible problems, and dog socialization as well as grooming etc.

I look forward to a lot of hands on interaction with the participants and their animals.

Goals to be met include being ready to compete in conformation showmanship and obedience as well as extensive knowledge on "your" breed i.e.: what they were bred to do and what group they belong to; Ability to groom and handle your own dog; and Knowledge on how to handle emergency situations, if they arise, with your animal or another's animal.

Meeting Location: 415 Almond St., Dixon, CA

Meeting Dates: Participants are required to attend at least 6 of the 12 meeting dates.

The meetings will be held on the following Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.:

10/25
11/15
12/20
1/17
2/7
2/21
3/7
3/21
4/11
4/25
5/2
5/23

Field Trip (Parent Required): TBD
NOVEMBER

Participation requirements:

1. Dog to use for practice and competition (if we will not be needing the dog any particular meeting, this will be stated in the email before meeting time) Dog must be 6 months of age with proper shots and vaccinations.
2. Small chain link collar preferred ("choke chain") or martingale collar if dog will not tolerate choke chain.
3. Thin leash *no harnesses permitted*
4. Binder or folder to hold printed materials that will be provided and writing utensil (please bring to every meeting)
5. Treats or bait when dogs are required for meeting (example: string cheese, chicken and training treats work very well)
6. Ages 9-19 yrs
7. No experience required
8. 10 max participants

Additional purchases needed:

- * Dog shampoo, brush, ear cleanser, Q-Tip and nail clipper to use before competition and during grooming session.
- * Training Collar and leash.
- * Dog treats for training. (Approx. \$50.00)
- * Parking fees for field trip, if you plan to attend: approximately \$10 per vehicle