

SCHOLARS IN COLLARS COVID SAFETY INFORMATION AND PROTOCOLS JAN 1, 2022

Our goal is to have the most COVID SAFE situation for everyone while still gaining all the critical benefits of class exposure for owners and dogs. We do require that all of the protocols are followed by students and staff. We are going above and beyond to be the most COVID safe dog training school for both students and staff. Do not hesitate at any time if you have questions/concerns to e-mail Diane at: dmcwoof@gmail.com

- **MEDICAL MASKS ARE MANDATORY TO ENTER SCHOLARS.** In the name of even safer protocols. We will no longer be allowing just cloth face coverings at the school unless used as a second layer along with a medical mask. This decision is based in the fact that we cannot visually assess the protective values of a cloth mask as people enter. We will only be accepting medical masks (surgical disposable, N95 or KN95). If you cannot get one before class or are unsure of what to get, we can provide 1 surgical mask when you arrive for the first time at the training hall, then we request that you keep it in the car to use at class every week.
- **WE REQUIRE ALL PERSONS ATTENDING THE SCHOOL TO BE EITHER DOUBLE VACCINATED + 14 DAYS OR PROVIDE A GOVERNMENT ISSUED CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION. ALL OF OUR STAFF ARE TRIPLE VACCINATED.**
- IF YOU CANNOT MASK AT ALL OR HAVE OPTED OUT OF VACCINES and kids under 5 who are not eligible - Unfortunately, in-person classes are not an option. However, we do have our online program. We are sorry for the inconvenience this may cause for some people. If you have allergies to medical masks, please reach out for options to get your alternate mask pre-approved prior to class.
- **DO NOT COME IF YOU OR ANY HOUSEHOLD FAMILY MEMBERS MIGHT BE SICK IN ANY WAY AT ALL, NOT JUST WITH RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS.**
- **We have the benefit of all lessons online to “take” the lesson at home with trainer support remotely so you will never miss the actual lesson. Remember, the lessons are presented to the people, not the dogs.**
- Watch the online lesson in detail and ideally try the lesson at home a couple of days before the in-class lesson to reduce close up coaching. This protocol is actually one we have always had in place even pre-Covid as you intake the presentation in more detail than in person under distraction. It also means class time is spent less on presentations and more on coaching and training time.
- 2 PEOPLE/DOG IN CLASS AS OF JULY 10, 2021. NOTE, THIS MAY BE REDUCED TO 1 PERSON/DOG AT ANY TIME AS PER THE COVID SITUATION AT THE TIME. This is based not only on regulations, but also in consultation with Public Health.
- If your dog does have an accident inside, you will mark it with a little cone and we deal with it after class to prevent handing off our clean up kit.
- If we need to give you anything in class, it will be given in a socially distanced way. The key is to bring lots of variety and options for your dog. Include your tug if your dog tugs as once again, it is not ideal to be loaning out equipment at this time, but if we do, please note, everything is washed between uses. Any items loaned will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between each use.
- Arrive and wait outside 5- 10 minutes prior to your class time. SOCIAL DISTANCE. Do not crowd right outside the door. We will invite you in one by one at which time you will be Covid-19 screened in person. If you arrive sooner than 10 mins prior to your class time, wait in your car so as not to interfere with the prior class exiting and driving out.
- We have added extra time between our classes to also help ensure no cross traffic and for thorough cleaning of each station between every class. We also clean every touch point every time it is handled (washroom, doorknobs etc)
- We have sanitizer at each training station and at all entry and exit points, please use when you arrive at your station and as often as you would like.
- Each station is separated by gating to ensure people maintain distancing during the class (This is also to help prevent one dog from interfering with another)
- Make your own class a high priority as class swaps may not be offered at times to keep contact numbers low. Note, class swaps are limited even without Covid concerns due to the class sizes being semi-private and usually full.

Our goal is to go above and beyond public health recommendations.

Thanks so much for your support and understanding.

Diane and the staff at Scholars in Collars Dog Training.