



Fun Training Through K9 Sports!

Welcome “ARF” Dog Sports Team Member –

Deadline: (as specified in your email)

Thank you for registering for the ARF Dog Sports Team K9 course through the City of Plano. I look forward to meeting you and your K9 partner soon. There are 4 items that need your attention and are due before the end of the day (*as specified in your email*). All of these are attached to this email and can also be found on the website at www.teamk9.us

1. **First**, click on the *Team K9 Rules and Guidelines* and read them completely. Team K9 wishes for everyone to learn and have fun in class with their K9 partner, while still creating a safe environment for all and upholding the municipality laws. By completing your registration, you agree to abide by these rules.

In regard to dog behavior on this information... there is a difference between “aggressive” dogs and “reactive” dogs. “Aggressive dogs” become rapidly uncontrollable and being in an environment with strangers (people and/or dogs) sets them off beyond learning comprehension. *These are not dogs who act shy or cautious.* These are dogs that will attack/bite if off leash and require great restraint on leash. Team K9 classes are not suitable for these dogs.

“Reactive” dogs on the other hand need their space as they “react” to strangers (people and/or dogs) who cause them concern either through a lack of distancing, staring, or barking/running at them. Reactivity decreases with space between this dog and the source of their concern. With notification to Team K9 and a handler who understands their dog is reactive, Team K9 classes can be a suitable for training this type of dog with pre-approval from the instructor. Please share this information on your profile form.

2. **Second**, click on the *Team K9 Profile Form* and complete it. This is a fillable pdf file. Make sure your email address and cell phone number for texting is accurate as this will be the means of reaching you with important class updates (weather postponement, location change, etc.)

Once completed, save and eMail this document and proof that your dog’s rabies vaccine is current (either a dated vet invoice or rabies certificate) as attachments to TeamK9.us@gmail.com . Failure to meet this deadline will result in removal without refund from the course (subject to City of Plano withdrawal policy) and possible cancellation for all should the course fall below the minimal number of participants to continue. In the case of cancellation, those who have met the requirements will receive a refund.

3. **Third**, click on the *Team K9 Supply List* and start gathering the necessary supplies for classes. Please note you are not expected to purchase specialty supplies. Being a responsible pet owner, you should already have at minimum a flat collar, regular leash, waste disposal bags, water and treats for your K9 partner. ☺ If you choose to purchase additional supplies, feel free to contact me first if you need help.
4. **Finally**, click on the Map for your training location and make sure you know where to come for class. This class does NOT meet at Carpenter Park Rec Center, Oak Point Park, or OPP Nature Preserve. Dress accordingly for being outdoors. See you soon!

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns,
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