



Aquatic Training Independent Training Guidelines

Independent Swim Session: \$25/half hour OR \$45.00 for 1 hour
One (1) Dog/One (1) Handler

ALL dogs that have not worked with us previously are REQUIRED to do at least one (1) trainer-assisted session for evaluation purposes. Please Note: It is at the discretion of Alpha K9 U training staff as to when or if a Team (a Team consists of one (1) dog and one (1) Handler) may be moved from a trainer-assisted session to independent sessions.

Appointments/Cancelation Policy - We will make every effort to accommodate your scheduling needs. In return, we ask that you help us by keeping your scheduled appointments, arriving on time and notifying us in advance if you are unable to keep your appointment. You may request an appointment by email, phone or fax and/or by stopping by the front office during office hours. For best results, schedule appointments at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance. You may also schedule recurring appointments. If you are unable to attend an appointment, please let us know. We also require a cancellation notice of at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance for most appointments. Failure to comply with this policy may result in a charge for the missed or cancelled appointment. If a charge occurs we will not be able to reappoint another time slot until the balance is cleared.

Make sure to allow your dog to potty when you arrive at Alpha K9 U for your session (even if your dog previously went potty at home). It is important to note that exercise, especially swimming exercises, stimulates urination and bowel movements, so it will be necessary to take your dog outside throughout your training sessions.

As a responsible dog owner it is your job to keep your dog as healthy; consequently, always dry your dog thoroughly after a swim to avoid getting "limber tail" and/or skin infections caused by humidity. Please wait at least one hour after swimming before feeding your dog.

It is strongly urged that young children not be brought to the Independent Sessions for their own safety. No children under the age of ten (10) will be allowed in the Aquatic Training Center unless closely supervised by another adult (other than the Handler).

Rules and Regulations of Aquatic Training

Handlers may get wet and should be prepared to dress accordingly, including footwear (i.e., closed-toe non-slip shoes).

The participating "Team" will consist of one (1) preapproved dog and one (1) preapproved handler only. Only the preapproved Team is allowed on the docks (i.e., training dock and/or competition dock).

Handlers should provide their own towels and training gear/tools. Your chase/throw object/ toy must float, may not be edible, rocks, sticks, etc. are not allowed. Wubba's, hunting dummies, bumpers, etc. are the training toy of choice for many people because they float and are easy to see.

The Handler must show the ability to help the dog, assist the dog to swim or jump in a positive manner, and/or able to throw the chase/retrievable object while keeping the dog under control.

Dogs must be in control and restrained at all times. Dogs must be kept on a leash (Retractable leads/ Flexi Leads are strictly prohibited) or "crated" (when the dog is not working) in the designated area at all times. Handlers/Dogs are not allowed in other areas of the facility, including the Arena, during their training sessions.

If a Handler is working two (2) preapproved dogs, the handler may only work one (1) dog at a time; crates MUST be used and can be set up in the designated staging area for dogs while they are not working.

The Handler, may, at his/her option, allow the dog to jump while wearing a collar. The collar should only be a buckle-type collar and should not include any hanging tags or brackets. Choke collars, prong collars, electronic collars (including electronic collar receivers & transmitters), gentle leaders, halti-collars or martingale type collars must be removed prior to stepping onto the dock.

If a dog has problems getting out of the pool, it is the Handler's responsibility to get him/her out. DO NOT pull the dog up and OVER the sides of the pool!

The handler may NOT jump into the water at any time.

Bumping, pushing or throwing a dog into the water WILL result in immediate dismissal.

Pulling or pushing a dog up the stairs to the dock or on the dock WILL result in immediate dismissal.

Any unsportsmanlike behavior or harsh dog corrections is unacceptable. Alpha K9 U training staff can and will determine what is disrespectful, aggressive, harsh or questionable. One warning will be given prior to dismissal.

Dogs with any skin rashes, open wounds, or warts (Canine Viral Papilloma's) are not allowed in the pool and/or within the Aqua Training Area(s).

Dogs that appear to be injured will not be allowed to participate. Should a dog appear to be injured or ill, the handler will be asked to cease exercises until such time as the dog regains health. Examples of injury will include visible limping, bandages, stitches, open wounds, and papilloma's, etc. Should a dog be known to have had a recent illness/injury or be exhibiting bandage wraps, etc. a letter from an accredited veterinarian, on appropriate letterhead, must be presented to the Alpha K9 U training staff, stating that the dog is healthy and able to participate.

If a dog bites/snaps at another dog or person, including the handler, it is at the Alpha K9 U training staff's discretion whether to let the dog continue to participate.

Dogs are not allowed to "mark", urinate, or defecate anywhere in the Facility. If an accident happens, handlers are responsible for IMMEDIATELY cleaning up after their dog and dispose of all waste OUTSIDE in the bins provided.

Bitches in heat will not be allowed on the dock or anywhere within the Training Center.

Everyone that utilizes the Alpha K9 U Aquatic Facilities does so at their own risk and is responsible for their own welfare and safety as well as their Dog's welfare and safety. Anyone or any dog injured while utilizing the Aquatic Facilities must contact the Alpha K9 U staff immediately. Please report all hazardous conditions to the Alpha K9 U staff at once.

Legal: Our Policies, Procedures, Services and Rates may change from time to time. While we will attempt to notify you of these changes, it is ultimately your responsibility to check back on our website regularly so that you are aware of our most current Policies, Procedures, Services and Rates. Alpha K9 U, LLC reserves the right to use its discretion in making any judgment calls, dismissals, refusal of service, or corrections necessary to provide accurate and fair services/operations.

I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Policies and Procedures.

Owner's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Owner's Name (Please Print): _____