

## **FOCUS & Impulse Control Class**

\*Please plan to arrive 5-10 minutes early to be ready to start on time.

Here is some information to help you prepare for your first FOCUS class.

### **Our Philosophy:**

1. This is a no excuses class! If you don't train properly between classes then you won't make progress, it's that simple. Your dog's behavior will tell us whether or not you did your homework. Dogs don't lie.
2. We never blame our dogs! We know that our dog's behavior is a reflection of our training.
3. There is a specific theory behind the training techniques (FOCUS = Fun, Obedience, and Consistency lead to Unbelievable Success) that we use. Focus is very different from attention and we will discuss that the first night of class.
4. We get our dogs to do what we want by using reinforcers like food, toys, and praise, and by controlling the environment properly. We will not be using physical corrections and we do not tolerate them in our classes. They clash with our underlying training philosophy.

### **Class rules:**

- No choke or pinch collars.
- No leash pops or physical corrections.
- Physically control your dog as necessary with a buckle collar or front-clip harness (such as Premier EasyWalk) and 4'-6' leash. No Flexi leads please.
- Dogs should be under verbal or leash control at all times.
- No interaction or visiting between dogs during class time.
- Dogs that display aggressive tendencies will be asked to leave the class.

### **Please bring the following items to your first class:**

- A hungry dog
- Lots of small, soft treats (some should be light in color)
- Your dog's favorite toys
- Clicker
- Mat or bed (large enough for your dog to lie on comfortably)
- Crate (there may be a few ex-pens available)