



PRIVATE LESSONS

Welcome, and thank you for considering Common Scents for your training needs.

Private Lessons provide one on one instruction, counseling, and feedback in a private setting. It is an ideal choice for people who prefer one on one, individual instruction, or those whose pets are not ready for class, or have issues that will require additional help with behavior modification and counseling. It's also useful for people who wish a more directed or comprehensive program than is available with group classes. Our program is not only instructional, but we place a strong emphasis on making your visits fun for both you and your dog.

Private Lessons are normally set up in a block of eight sessions. If a prior consultation has not been conducted, the first session will include a comprehensive evaluation of the dog and discussion of the dog-owner relationship. Together, the instructor and client will map out a program of instruction which meets the owner's needs and priorities for their pet. There will also be a detailed discussion of training theory and application.

While the series of lessons will normally follow a pre-defined progression, there is great flexibility in both what is taught and the rate of progress through the material. Unlike classes, private lesson clients can add or delete material and progress as slowly or rapidly on each exercise as desired or needed. There is also the opportunity for flexibility and scheduling of appointments within the available time frame.

Our experience suggests that one person in the household take the lead and work with the dog throughout the eight lessons. This provides a sense of continuity so important to the learning process. However, we encourage any other adults who will be handling the dog to attend if possible. The transition of instruction to other adult members of the household will begin after the fourth week on a one at a time basis to transfer the needed skills and authority to those who will need to have control over the dog.

It may be possible to involve older children in the training process on a limited basis. However, it is advisable to leave young children at home to avoid any unnecessary interruptions or distractions. Please feel free to discuss this with the instructor.

We are available to meet with you by appointment at our training facility. Please give us a call at 859-428-0015. We welcome the opportunity to serve you.

PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING YOUR FIRST SESSION ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS SHEET.

Instructions for Private Lesson Clients

Private Lessons are conducted at a completely renovated 30x54 climate controlled Training Center. We also have beautifully maintained outdoor areas.

Our training facility is located at 3233 Crittenden Mt Zion Rd. We are exactly 3.2 miles west of Kentucky route 25. There is a traffic light at the intersection of Route 25 and Crittenden Mt Zion Rd. There is a large tree and light pole at the top of our driveway. We are located on the north side of the road.

Upon entering the property, please proceed down the driveway past the tobacco barn to the white building. This is the Training Center. There is parking between the two buildings.

Please wait in your car with your dog until our trainer/counselor comes out to greet you. Wait until the trainer is in position, along the board fence, off to the side of your vehicle. At this time the trainer will motion you up to him or her. Please exit your car with your dog on a leash approximately six feet long (no flexi-leads, please) and approach the trainer in a casual but friendly manner. The dog should be on whatever collar or device you normally walk him/her on.

It is important at this time that you give your dog no commands or corrections. This will help us to get a neutral reading on your dog. Allow the dog to approach the trainer in whatever fashion they wish. This includes barking, lunging, jumping, etc. If the trainer feels your dog presents a danger, they will merely ask you to stop. The trainer will engage you in a brief conversation while they observe your dog. After a few moments, you will both proceed with your dog into the building for the remainder of the lesson/consultation.

***NO SCENT ZONE:** Please refrain from wearing scented products such as colognes, body washes, and hair spray when coming to our facility.

Health Records

Please do remember to bring your vaccination records and health checks from your veterinarian. Required information is included on our website. Please call if you have any questions.

Payment for your series of private lessons will be due in full at the first session. We accept cash, check or credit cards.