



AFF Class Guidelines & Membership Rules

WELCOME! Our name says it all. All FUR Fun! We want to have fun, we want *you* to have fun, and we also want your *dog* to have fun!

The few policies below help to ensure the safety and comfort of all guests in our facility.

We are a training facility as well as a retail store. If you come into the lobby, and need help, we might be “out and about” tending to dogs in some capacity. We try to keep an eye up front, but there may be times that you might need to pause for just a bit until we can come to help.

Our staff uses *only* positive training methods – Our goal is to provide a fun place to train and play. Do not treat your canine partner harshly or forcefully. We never ask something of them which may cause injury or discomfort. We aim to set the dogs up for success every time we work with them. Once your dog gets spooked or injured it can set your progress back significantly.

We take pride in offering a clean place to play and train. *PLEASE* encourage your dog to relieve themselves **OUTSIDE BEFORE** entering the facility or just before your class time begins. We do understand that accidents happen, but of course, we would like to keep these to a minimum. Responsible pet ownership starts with being accountable for a mess caused by your dog. We provide bags, paper towels, & floor sanitizer to clean up the mess caused by dogs when accidents occur. **There is a \$1.00 fee for any potty accidents by dogs over the age of 6 months. This is a fee, not a donation, and must be paid for each and every potty accident. Each room will have a container to place your money in. If you do not have cash, we can add the fee to your account.**

A Large trash can, as well as a dumpster is provided for you **OUTSIDE** the main entry. **DO NOT USE ANY INDOOR** trash can for dog waste.

Please, no flexi leads (retractable leashes), pinch/prong collars, choke chains, or e-collars when in our facility. A plain 4 or 6 foot lead attached to a flat collar, or harness is



safer and more humane. We prefer that you keep your dog from greeting other dogs. This is just a better policy, as all dogs are not friendly with other dogs or people.

Receipt of Payment for classes is the only way to guarantee your spot in a class. Online registration is the best way to insure your spot in class. A class only “makes” when the minimum number of students send in their enrollment. Please register for your class if you’d like a spot. Waiting to register may keep the class from “happening”.

No refunds are given for seminars and special events.

Any refunds issued by AFF will be given in the form of a check, regardless of how the initial fee was received. A \$10 processing fee will be deducted from all refunds.

No make-up classes are offered for students missing linear classes. If AFF cancels a class session (e.g., for bad weather, instructor absence), it will be rescheduled.

You are welcome to use the crates in our facility for your convenience -- you are always welcome to bring in your own crate to confine your dog, or if you are attending with more than one dog. Please close the door to the crate and fold any sheets or crate covers that you use.

Bitches in heat must wear protective panties and are welcome to attend classes with instructor approval.

In the event of severe weather, we do our best to inform students when classes need to be cancelled by email, phone, and/or an announcement on the AFF Facebook. It is your responsibility, however, to make a phone call and find out whether we are open for classes. Often, clients have changed e-mail addresses or phone numbers, or they don't check their email often.

We appreciate your cooperation & support, and look forward to providing many fun visits to AFF.



MEMBERSHIP Rules and Information

We love the fact that we now have the room to be able to offer practice areas throughout the day and evening to our members. Membership offers you that opportunity to fine-tune your skills and/or exercise your dog. Membership is open to current students of AFF as well as non-students.

Please read and observe the policies below to ensure a safe and happy time for all involved.

The most important rule that we have at AFF is *Be KIND to your dog!!!* We do not tolerate punishment of any kind when working/playing with your dog. This comes also in the form of collars: Prong collars, choke collars & e-collars are not allowed in our building. If abuse is witnessed, you will be asked to leave. Remember, it's **ALL FUR FUN!**

Open practice times will be posted on the AFF Yahoo group. If you look on the group and plan to come and play, you may (but are not required to) post that to the group, so others may see. Also, please note that you may be sharing the room with other members. If you are not a current student, you might want to join our Yahoo group to see the available times that the areas will be available for use.



There are 4 areas that are available for facility rental via membership:

LITTLE AFF – Little AFF is a 50' x 95' area that is typically used for manners, puppy exercises, rally, agility jumping, etc. Dogs **MUST** potty before entering this room and be taken out every ½ hour that they are in the room (of course the dog needs to be taken out more often if they seem distracted or look like they need to relieve themselves.)

IF a potty accident occurs, the area must be thoroughly cleaned with the bleach and paper towels provided in the area. If the accident happens on a crack in the tiles, the tiles need to be picked up and the area underneath is to be thoroughly cleaned. Please remove all waste to the trash receptacles outside of the facility. Please place your dollar in the container by the door.

BIG AFF – BIG AFF is the main room on our newly acquired side. This is a 100' x 90' area that is our “PRO-AGILITY” side. This room will typically be used for agility practice, but occasionally will be used for other uses.-

Because, this room will be used for agility trials in the future, we must maintain the equipment in this room so it can be used in competition. *Potty accidents and use of the equipment by those not qualified will not be tolerated in this area.* As stated, this is our *pro* side and membership use in this room is by approved permission only. There must be a “track record” of respect for the equipment.

Dogs **MUST** potty before entering this room and be taken out every ½ hour that they are in the room (of course the dog needs to be taken out more often if they seem distracted or look like they need to relieve themselves.)

IF a potty accident occurs, the area must be thoroughly cleaned with bleach and the paper towels provided in the area. If the accident happens on a crack in the tiles, the tiles need to be picked up and the area underneath is to be thoroughly cleaned. If the dog soils equipment in the area, staff must be notified and the equipment will need to be taken outdoors to be thoroughly cleaned. Potty accidents on agility equipment costs \$5 per incident. No exceptions! Please be cognizant of your dog smelling by equipment. Please place your \$\$\$ in the container by the door.



CONSULT ROOM – This is a room that is approximately 15' x 20'. This room will typically be used for attention training, “shaping” behavior, etc. This is a much smaller room with little to no distraction. This is a room with carpet, so of course, we would expect the dog to potty outside and take the dog out often during your training period. This room will not be a shared space. Only one dog/handler in the consult room at a time.

GYM – The gym contains, just what you’d think a dog gym should have;-) We have a large DogTread treadmill that will be fine for dogs up to 150#’s, we also have a human treadmill if you’d like to jog alongside your dog! We have a Bosu ball, several exercise balls, a large “peanut”, etc. In order to use the treadmill with your dog, we require that your dog is already proficient with running/walking on one, or we can set up a few private sessions to get them comfortable and happy on it.

Membership prices are:

Current Students: \$30 per month
Big AFF with permission

Non-Students: \$40 per month
Little AFF only
BIG AFF ONLY with special permission

Pay per visit per person: \$15 per ½ hour - \$20 per hour

If you have a group that plans to train together, you might “rent the room” for \$40 per hour. Please send in the request for room rental 24 hours in advance, so we can post to the Yahoo group.

Three dog maximum per handler, per visit. Dogs must be crated when not working (playing).



Playground rules apply – SHARE! Many times you will come in and have the full room to yourself. If there is someone already practicing in the area, the rule is 5 minutes on, 5 minutes off. Dogs don't need to work for more than 5 minutes. When it's break time for your dog, please crate them in the garage door area to give the working dog/handler team the full floor.