

The Head Instructor for the Reactive Dog Class is Dr. Lisa Radosta (www.flvetbehavior.com). **The first night you will receive an online seminar as well as an initial homework video, both of which you will watch at home top prepare for your first night with your dog.** The link to these videos will be emailed to you. (Please add our email addresses to your Contacts so that our emails do not go into your Spam folder.)

• **ITEMS FOR CLASS.** You will need to bring these starting from the day when you attend with your dog.

Collapsible Crate- either soft or wire. You should be able to fold it up and carry it easily and your dog should fit comfortably in it. This is an important step; please start crate training early if your dog is not familiar with the crate. If your dog cannot be crated, please email Dr. Radosta at info@flvetbehavior.com. ***If you want to teach your dog how to crate happily, please ask for our handout.*** (Note: We regret that we do not have the space to store your crate for class but if you prefer not to lug your crate to the 2 classes in which it will be needed, ask us about crate rentals.)

Crate cover- any cover will do including a sheet or a large towel.

Collar- There will be **no pinch collars, shock collars or choke collars allowed** in class. Dr. Radosta may recommend a head collar (such as the Gentle Leader or Halti) or a front-clip control harness based on the video you provide to us. If it is decided that your dog needs more appropriate equipment you will be given an appointment for a fitting.

Mat- easy to carry and something that your dog will fit comfortably and completely on. A bath or yoga mat work fine.

Treat bag. Hinged or magnetic opening, as opposed to draw string, is recommended. You can purchase one at Lucky Dog.

Leash- 6-8' leather or nylon leash (no retractable leashes please)

Treats- Lots of really tasty treats cut into very small pieces (about pea size). Please bring treats that your dog will love even when he or she is stressed or nervous. This includes chicken, hot dogs, liverwurst, cheese, etc. Manufactured treats may interest your dog at home but will probably be ignored in class! Please bring lots of treats (3 snack bags full)!

• **RECOMMENDED RESOURCES.** We strongly recommend that you order them now and get a head start on your understanding of your dog. It's especially critical to understand your dog's body language to be most successful in class. The first item is of the highest priority and we recommend that you watch it before class begins.

--*The Language of Dogs* DVD, by Sarah Kalnajs (Available on www.amazon.com and through Florida Veterinary Behavior Service (\$40.00 + tax). Call 561-795-9398 to order.)

--Short video on Counter conditioning by Suzanne Clothier:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwnSdvHI8mg&feature=youtube_gdata_player

--*The Culture Clash*, by Jean Donaldson

--*Don't Shoot the Dog*, by Karen Pryor

--Your dog should know how to sit and down reliably for class. We have free handouts and videos to help you train your dog. Please contact me if you would like any of these items.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Dr. Radosta and I are looking forward to a great class with you!

Woofs and wags!

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