Pooches that Pull with spcaLA



Thank you for signing up with spcaLA! spcaLA specialty classes are held at the **spcaLA P.D. Pitchford Companion Animal Village & Education Center** in Long Beach (7700 E. Spring Street – inside El Dorado Park).

Please bring the following to each class:

- We focus on making dog training fun for you and your dog! Make sure to bring your positive attitude and willingness to learn. When everyone has a good time, you'd be surprised how well you (and your dog) can do!
- Please bring your dog to class on a secure collar and lead.
- Bring A LOT of yummy, stinky training treats (two sandwich bags full), such as freeze dried liver, hot dogs, or Natural Balance rolls. Use treats your dog does not normally receive at home. It is best if your dog is a little hungry please do not feed your dog at least 12 hours before class.
- Secure flat or Martingale collar. If your dog has ever slipped out of a collar, please use a Martingale collar or a harness. spcaLA suggests front-clip harnesses such as SENSE-ation[®] or Freedom No-Pull.
- 6-foot leash, preferably leather.
- Two tug toys, if your dog likes to tug **and** has a good "drop it" command.
- Be sure to bring poop bags! spcaLA does not provide them.
- Wear comfortable, rubber-soled, closed-toe shoes during class. Even when the weather is warm, please do not wear flip-flops or sandals.
- Bring water for yourself and your dog.
- Plan to bring a sweater or light jacket for you-the temperature can shift quickly when the sun sets.

No pinch collars, choke chains, electric (remote) collars or any collar that is intended to cause pain. No flexi-leads during training exercises.

Please be on time to class. In deference to other students, those who arrive 10 minutes late to class will not be admitted and will be marked as absent.

Keep your dog at least 6 feet away from all other dogs. If you allow your dog to approach other dogs, spcaLA is not responsible for any resulting incidents. Please note, we don't allow play time or visits between dogs.

If your dog becomes ill, please do not bring him to class. You are welcome to attend on your own and practice at home.

Exercise your dog prior to attending class. Make sure your dog has relieved himself before class.

This is a group training class. If you have specific questions that are time-intensive, they can be handled privately to be fair to the rest of the students. For your convenience, spcaLA offers discounted private sessions for those enrolled in a group class at the rate of \$25 for 30 minutes.

Human guests are welcome to observe class – please contact us at training@spcaLA.com in advance as your guest must complete a liability waiver.

Please be respectful of all students, instructors and class working areas by refraining from talking while the instructor is teaching. All cell phones must be silenced and put away. If you or guests are disruptive or do not follow spcaLA guidelines, you may be asked to leave class and no refunds will be issued.

If you have not done so already, please provide spcaLA with your dog's current vaccination records. Dogs must be current on Rabies, DHPP (or equivalent) and Bordetella vaccines and be in good general health. Your dog's records can be emailed to training@spcaLA.com or faxed to (562) 570-4931, attention B&T Dept. If you have questions, please contact the Behavior and Training Department.

Please note, your space in class is guaranteed **only if your payment is listed as "complete"** on your confirmation email.

We look forward to working with you,



Since 1877, spcaLA has been dedicated to preventing cruelty to animals through Education, Law Enforcement, Intervention and Advocacy. There is no national spca, humane society, parent or umbrella group, nor does spcaLA receive government funding.