

# BRATTY PAWS DOG PLEX

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## STUDENT WELCOME LETTER AND BPDP CLASS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Welcome to Bratty Paws Dog Plex, SW Florida's first 13,000 sf indoor, under air, dog training and event center. We have a 10,000 sf of free span training arena on artificial turf with rubber infill that can accommodate many dog sport disciplines. BPDP has an additional 3,000 sf of lobby, viewing area, retail and crating rooms with handicap accessible bathrooms. Classrooms and puppy training areas are also used for lower level classes and basic training and obedience. Bratty Paws Dog Plex sits on over 9 acres in beautiful Punta Gorda, Florida just 2 miles off exit 161 on Interstate 75.

At BPDP we strive to give you the best dog training experience possible with scientifically based positive reinforcement training methods. Our team of instructors have years of experience in their chosen dog sports and strive to make classes fun, informative and a great place for dogs.

Classes at BPDP are typically one hour in length and run for a 6- week session unless otherwise specified on the current class schedule.

### Supplies/Information for Class Participation:

- Please bring a Hungry Dog, we ask that you hold off feeding your dog before class as food will be the primary reinforcer to start your training.
- Make sure your dog has had an appropriate time to go to the bathroom. If you have signed up for an agility class that takes place in the arena, we have a very strict turf accident policy. For each accident, you will be charged a \$10 fee for turf cleaning. We do not want to have to enforce this rule, so please make sure your dog has been given the opportunity to go to the bathroom before and after your turn in class. Should your dog have an accident during class, your instructor will show you where to find the clean-up materials. If your dog repeatedly goes to the bathroom in the agility arena, we will ask that you sign up for a lower level class in the matted area. When you have instructor approval that your dog has demonstrated good bathroom habits, you will be allowed back into agility classes in the arena.
- Flat buckle collar, 6' leash, no flexi's, Treat bag and Clicker. Bring Plenty of food rewards that your dog likes that are easy to chew and increase in value ie. Small kibble, cheese, salmon etc.
- Please bring your dog's favorite interactive toy.
- Poop bags and crate. We will have limited crates here to use.

### General Rules for Safety:

- Please wear appropriate foot wear, no bare feet, flip flops or heeled shoes.
- Keep your dog focused on you when out of their crate and mind another dogs' space.
- Do not let your dog greet another dog.
- Follow your trainer's instructions; please keep your dog quiet when trainer is speaking.

- Excessive barking in class is not allowed.
- Please walk your dog outside on leash only and away from the building to relieve themselves.
- Please do not assume all dogs are friendly even if your dog is.
- Make sure your dog is crated or under control when another dog is running.

## Regulations and House Rules:

- Children and teenagers are welcome at BPDP subject to the following guidelines: In any case, and for all classes, instructors reserve the right to ask disruptive children to leave the building and/or require a legal guardian to be present and/or take over training the dog. Children under 9 may come to classes, if supervised outside the training arena by a legal guardian who is not handling the dog. Children 16 and older, at the instructor's discretion, may train their dog without legal guardian present.
- No parking in the handicapped marked parking spaces unless a valid handicapped sticker is visible.
- Please do not let your dog eliminate on the building, landscaping or trash cans. Dog waste stations are located by the front door and in the main grass field. Failure to comply may result in expulsion from class.
- Females in season are allowed in advanced level agility classes only with panties.
- Please pick up after yourself. Throw trash in the garbage cans before leaving.
- If you use one of the Bratty Paw's Crates, please wipe it out after you use it.
- Help with the equipment. Agility students are required to help with set up/moving and bar setting during the class.
- Please do not throw dog waste, paper towels and sanitary napkins in the toilets. Dog waste needs to be put in the garbage can outside in front of the building.

## Class Registration/Etiquette/Make Ups:

- Class registration is done through [www.brattypaws.com](http://www.brattypaws.com)
- You are to bring your class registration form, training agreement/liability waiver/rabies certificate and payment to the first week of class. If you do not show up to the first week of class, you either forfeit your spot in the class or you are to bring full class payment on week 2. Student is responsible for contacting their instructor to find out what they missed and to see if a make-up class of a lower level is available.
- If you miss a class, inform your instructor so they can tell you what you missed. There are NO CLASS MAKE UP'S.
- All classes should be repeated until the instructor recommends you advance to the next level.
- In any of the classes where your dog is off leash, your dog MUST be able to be collected, or recalled to you in a timely manner. Any dog who holds up a class because he won't come when called will be asked to seek our private instruction or go to a basic training class.

- Keep your dog on a short leash or crated during class. In agility class, all dogs not on the floor working should be crated.
- NO CRATES ARE ALLOWED ON THE TURF.
- Excessive barking cannot be tolerated.
- If you are using one of the Bratty Paws Dog crates, please wipe out the crate after your class so it's clean and disinfected for the next dog.
- Aggressive dogs will not be allowed in a class environment and should work privately with an instructor.