

# DOGMA

## COVID-19 Notices

As part of the Dogma difference, we are doing everything we can to ensure we are preventing the spread of the virus and keeping everyone safe. We have increased our cleaning protocols throughout the facility. Team are wiping down surfaces every 30 minutes and washing their hands regularly. Any team member who is not feeling well is being asked to stay at home. We ask that if you are in self-isolation or are not feeling well, that you please stay home and follow all current AHS guidelines. We have made changes to our programs and operations which are outlined below.

### Group Classes:

Our group classes are currently running, along with some specialty clinics. We have strict policies in place to keep everyone safe and practice social distancing. This includes:

- A max of 4-6 dogs per class with no more than 2 handlers.  
Assigned seating with a taped off area for each student to work in with their dog
- One entrance
- A hand-sanitizing station
- Electronic tracking
- No sharing of treats or equipment
- Masks must be worn at all times by team and students.

Not comfortable to attend in person? As part of your membership, you can attend virtual sessions live or watch them at your convenience for one week after the session. Our memberships include access to a comprehensive online training program with obedience, handling, self-control and manners skills as well as webinars on behaviour problem solving, canine communication and more!

### Day School:

There is no evidence to show that the virus can be spread through fur or dander, but precautions still need to be made. We will continue with our cleaning protocols to help prevent the spread of the disease and offer continued support to dogs and their families:

- Doors at both facilities are locked.
- Text for Day School drop-off/pick-up only.
  - Chinook: 587-800-4205
  - Killarney: 587-800-4177
- Our team will come to your vehicle and take your dog from the back or a rear seat to maintain a safe social distance. They will exchange equipment and put your dog on one of our collar/harness and leash sets. Please wear a mask if you must leave your vehicle to get your dog out/in.

- Please leave personal belongings at home such as bedding or toys as they will not be allowed to come with your dog into the building.
- You may continue to bring their treats or food in a sealed container.
- Payments can be made over the phone or via E-Transfer or PayPal

## **Private Training:**

We can still offer [private training](#) support during this time and have a few contactless options available:

- Virtual consults: these can be done via video or over the phone. Our certified trainers can help answer any questions you may have regarding your dog's behaviour. They will also summarize the session and provide you with a written report, along with any related resources.
- Dog-dog assessments: we can do these through our contactless protocols at day school. One of our certified trainers will bring your dog into our facility and live-stream the session with you. There is no need to delay your dog's training or risk a regression in their behaviour currently.
- *We are not currently offering in-home training.*

## **Other Ways You Can Support Dogma:**

Like so many other small businesses, the current situation has put tremendous strain on the business. We have had to reduce our team and have been working hard to minimize the impact and ensure that Dogma will get through these challenges. We are maintaining our standards and will continue to do whatever we can to provide training and socialization support for the dogs. We have always been a purpose over profit business, and we will not sacrifice the care of the dogs or our commitment to our team.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to everyone that has supported us. You can also help us and any other local business you support by leaving us a positive review on Google or Facebook and sharing their posts. Please continue to support local and let us know what we can do to support you and your dogs! Have a business and need some help? Let us know how we can help or how we can collaborate.