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-  Clients are responsible for the control, behaviour and actions of their dogs.
-  Please pick up after your dog, especially on common land close to the training facility. On the arena a pooper scoop is provided for picking up poos, please do not use poo bags.
-  Please do not allow your dogs to urinate (cock a leg) on the equipment. There are 2 reasons for this request:- 1. Other dogs are distracted by the scent and like to repeat the behaviour on the same site to mark their territory, causing the participating dog to lose focus. 2. We have to handle the equipment to put it into storage at the end of lessons.
-  Dogs should be kept on a lead except when actually under instruction or taking part in organised practice, collars and leads should be correctly fitted and not be too loose or of a type that allow the dog to easily remove them.
-  Leads suitable for agility; lightweight, strong and comfortable to hold, whilst able to slide through the hand, are available to purchase.
-  All dogs must be kept on lead if being exercised on the adjoined common land. The common has sheep grazing all year round.
-  All dogs must be properly vaccinated and wormed regularly in accordance with current veterinary advice and practice.
-  If your dog is sick or has been in contact with any contagious or infectious disease, please do not bring him/her to class and contact your trainer.
-  Bitches in season should remain at home for the duration of their season.
-  If you leave a dog in your vehicle please ensure that there is satisfactory ventilation and water within the vehicle to avoid any distress to your dogs at all times.
-  Basic dog control and obedience is a minimum requirement for all Agility. Mannerly Mutts offer beginner courses of obedience training. Simple control exercises “sit”, “down”, “stay” and “come” are fundamental. Initial training is on lead but this will soon be dispensed with.

-  Dogs must be sociable with other dogs and non aggressive with adults and children. Behavioural issues can be very disruptive to the class, the instructor and yourself. This does not mean your dog cannot do agility; private one to one lessons are available. Integration into a class environment may be possible with time.
-  Harsh handling is not permitted at any time. We at Mannerly Mutts want clients and their dogs to have fun.
-  Taking part in any training is entirely at the handler's own risk. A risk assessment is displayed in HQ.
-  All children 16 and under brought to Mannerly Mutts Agility are the responsibility of an accompanying adult. Children can handle and train a dog, at the discretion of the trainer, assuming a basic knowledge of obedience is in place.
-  Young dogs can start puppy agility training at 9 months with exercises designed to prepare them for proper agility at 12 months. This is dependant on the breed of dog. Large breeds take longer to mature. Certain aspects of agility can cause damage to immature bones and joints.
-  Please wear sensible clothing and footwear. It is advisable to bring layers to remove or put on. Lessons will continue in light rain. Anything more inclement and a lesson will be cancelled and substituted. Your instructor will try their best to contact you or refer to website.
-  Do not feed your dog before training. Dogs should not be fed for 2 hours before exercise. Imagine how you would feel running and jumping on a full stomach. Plus it can cause serious health issues such as torsion
-  Do bring with you treats, something of high value and soft to eat such as chicken cheese or sausage. These need to be able to be eaten quickly, dry treats such as biscuits are not suitable. Liver cake is available to buy.
-  Toys to are an important part of training, the tug type are ideal. Whatever it takes to motivate your dog. Please no squeaky toys as these are too distracting for other dogs. Mannerly Mutts stock a range of Tuff Tug dog toys.
-  Whatever motivator or reward you use it must be readily available, bum bags or large, lose pockets are ideal.