

# HHHS Training Requirements



## Enrollment Requirements:

1. To participate in a group setting, all animals must be 5 months or older. If you have a puppy between 8 weeks to 4 months and would like to enroll, please contact Kathy at [kathym@hhstopeka.org](mailto:kathym@hhstopeka.org).
2. All animals must be current on vaccinations including Rabies, Distemper/Parvo and Bordatella. **You must either send proof of vaccinations with your enrollment form or supply it on the first day of class.**

## Training Sessions

We have two class options for basic training. **Petiquette** is an hour long class that meets once per week for six weeks. **Petiquette Express** is an hour long class that meets twice per week for 3 weeks. Class size is limited. Both Petiquette and Petiquette Express teach the same basics. All sessions will be held in the HHHS Training Center on 21<sup>st</sup> and Belle (5720 SW 21<sup>st</sup>, Topeka, KS 66604). In times of extreme weather, HHHS reserves the right to cancel classes for the safety of owners and pets. The class will be made up at a later date.

## Beginners Level

If your pet is just beginning to learn its basic commands, Petiquette 1 is your session. Beginners will spend six sessions learning basic commands such as “sit”, “stay” and “down” as well as more advanced commands such as “leave it” and behaviors such as loose-leash walking. Depending on the trainer of your session, you may be required to leave your pet at home for the first class. An HHHS representative will confirm your enrollment with you via email and will advise you on whether-or-not your dog will attend the first session.

## Special Concerns

Animals who exhibit signs of illness at anytime during the sessions will be asked (at the instructor’s discretion) to leave the session until they are feeling better. If your animal is ill, you may still attend the sessions without him/her to learn the techniques to practice at home.

## **Females who are in season will not be able to attend class; no refund will be offered.**

Any animal that exhibits behaviors that lead the instructor to believe it is a danger to people or other animals will be asked to permanently leave the class and make arrangements for a one-on-one session. Owners who become verbally or physically abusive with their animal will be dismissed from the course permanently.

## Children

Children must be at least 6 years or older to attend training sessions. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The responsibility of the animal belongs to the parent or guardian. Children 10 years or older may handle their own dog, but a parent

must assist them. Children will not be allowed to leave the training area. If they are not participating, they must sit quietly and not cause disruption to the session.

**Refunds**

Refunds for enrollment will be made up to one week prior to the start of your session. ***No refunds will be made during the week leading to the start of your class or after the class has started-NO EXCEPTIONS.***

**Please read and sign:**

I understand that participating in Helping Hands Humane Society's training courses does provide an element of risk to both myself and my dog. In consideration of this risk, I, the owner/trainer, hereby releases and agrees to hold harmless Helping Hands Humane Society and its representatives from any liability for damages or loss, if any, suffered or sustained by myself or my dog as a result of personal injury or property damage during the course of training.

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Signature

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Date