

The Head Instructor for the Reactive Dog Class is Dr. Lisa Radosta (www.flvetbehavior.com). **The first night is for owners only**, no dogs. Everyone meets at **7:30 p.m.** for the first night's seminar regardless of your regular class time.

• **ITEMS FOR CLASS.** You will need to bring these starting from the second day of class (when your dogs begin):

Collapsible Crate- either soft or wire. You should be able to fold it up and carry it easily and your dog should fit comfortably in it. This is an important step; please start crate training early if your dog is not familiar with the crate. If your dog cannot be crated, please email Dr. Radosta at info@flvetbehavior.com. *If you want to teach your dog how to crate happily, please ask for our handout.* (Note: We regret that we do not have the space to store your crate for class.)

Collar- flat or rolled leather or nylon collar. There will be **no pinch collars, shock collars or choke collars allowed** in class. If your dog normally walks in one of these types of collars, please bring him or her in a flat or rolled collar. Dr. Radosta will recommend another collar or harness on night two (the first night with dogs) and your pet will be properly fitted with the appropriate collar or harness.

Clicker Anyone who does not have a clicker by the time class begins can purchase one on site.

Mat- easy to carry and something that your dog will fit on. A folded beach towel, or bath mat work fine.

Treat bag. Hinged opening, as opposed to draw string, is recommended. You can purchase at Lucky Dog.

Leash- Non-retractable 6-8' leather or nylon leash

Treats- Lots of really tasty treats cut into very small pieces (the size of your pinky nail). Please bring treats that your dog will love even when he or she is stressed or nervous. This includes chicken, hot dogs, liverwurst, cheese, etc. Manufactured treats may interest your dog at home but will probably be ignored in class! Please bring lots of treats!

• **SPECIAL TOOLS.** Your dog will probably need one of the following. If you already have a head halter or control harness, please bring it to class on night two when your dog first attends.

Head halter such as a Gentle Leader or Halti or Snoot Loop.

Easy Walk or other type of control harness.

If other items are needed specifically for your dog we will let you know.

• **RECOMMENDED RESOURCES.** We strongly recommend that you order them now and get a head start on your understanding of your dog. It's especially critical to understand your dog's body language to be most successful in class. The first item is of the highest priority and we recommend that you watch it before class begins.

--*The Language of Dogs DVD, by Sarah Kalnajs* (Available on www.amazon.com and through Florida Veterinary Behavior Service (\$40.00 + tax). Call 561-795-9398 to order.)

--Short video on Counter conditioning by Suzanne Clothier:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwnSdvHI8mg&feature=youtube_gdata_player

--*The Culture Clash, by Jean Donaldson*

--*Don't Shoot the Dog, by Karen Pryor*

--Your dog should know how to sit and down reliably for class. We have free handouts and videos to help you train your dog. Please contact me if you would like any of these items.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Dr. Radosta and I are looking forward to a great class with you!

Woofs and wags!

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