



BOARD & TRAIN GENERAL INFO AND PAYMENT AGREEMENT

Smrtdog can train your dog for you! This service is offered for a 2 week, 3 week, or 4 week period (2 week minimum). Your dog will learn the following behaviors:

PLEASE LIST UP TO 3 BEHAVIORS. Example, potty training, come when called and sit at doorways. Additional cues (commands) may be added by the professional certified trainer to help maintain the behaviors taught in line with the overall goals.

TRAINING

Training begins in the quiet and comfortable setting of a home environment. Your dog will be taught using positive training techniques, without the use of force, fear, intimidation or punishment. Weekly progress reports will be sent along with training videos. At the completion of training, you will receive a list of behaviors (cues) taught and a free 30 minute transfer training session. The transfer session helps you learn the positive training AND management techniques used to train the behaviors.

SCIENCE AND LEARNING

In addition, science tells us that it takes approximately 3 weeks to create a habit. Once a good habit has been formed it has to be generalized to new environments (which takes longer).

WHAT AFFECTS LEARNING

Factors that can affect learning: a dog who shuts down or a dog who has a sensitive stomach and cannot take treats or the types of food rewards are very limited. These situations require a longer Board & Train. It often takes dogs about 4-5 days to acclimate to the new environment. Many dogs do not eat meals during this time or refuse to take food rewards. Again, this depends on the dog. It is a study of one.

EXAMPLE#1

Board and train – Owner wanted two things: 1) Decrease jumping up on people and 2) Not stealing food off counters. The owner insisted on a 10 day B&T program. The dog would not eat for 5 of those 10 days. This greatly reduced the amount of work that could be done with the dog. Since jumping up and food stealing (kleptomania) is essentially a self control issue, life rewards were used in place of food rewards while the dog was acclimating to the new environment. This greatly helped when the dog would actually begin to eat. A life reward is something that the dog wants access to – outside, out of the kennel, etc. So, the dog was asked to SIT before any

door was opened for her to allow her access to outside. It took 4 days before she would reliably and consistently offer a SIT behavior in order to either be let out of the crate or have the door opened for her to allow her access to the backyard.

EXAMPLE#2

Board and train – It's important to remember that some dogs take time to feel comfortable in a new environment. Sometimes behavior does not appear or is suppressed in a new place. It can take a dog several days to up to a week or two to feel comfortable in a new place. The quicker that they acclimate to the new surroundings, the faster the training plan can begin. If the inappropriate behavior does not occur during the board and train, then behavior cannot be modified. This is referred to as the "honeymoon period." Dogs, like people, are sometimes on their best behavior in new environments.

Cost for B&T is \$150 per day.

There is no charge for 10-1-26 (pick up) and 10-15-26 (drop off).

Payment is due when dog is picked up – first day of Board & Train.

This document is sent to the pet owner by the trainer when the pet owner requests specific dates for the Board and Train. IF the Board and Train is not booked and paid for within one week of the pet owner receiving this document, then the dog trainer may bill the pet owner (per the pet professional's hourly rate of \$225) for time spent answering questions either via email or phone.

This board and train service is not recommended for dogs that have behavior issues such as aggression or separation anxiety. If you do not disclose aggressive or reactive behavior, or anxious behavior that results in any type of destruction, you will be responsible for the cost of housing your dog at an alternate location for safety concerns. Board and train is also not appropriate for dogs with GI issues.

There are four stages of learning: Acquisition; Fluency, Generalization and Maintenance. It is important to remember the age and developmental level of your dog. Adolescent dogs can learn a great deal of information. Please see attachments on canine developmental periods. Board & Train helps in the acquisition stage of learning; however, it is up to you to continue to work on the maintenance phase of learning. **All behaviors learned must be maintained.** Much like humans, dogs develop physically much faster than they do mentally and emotionally. So, for a behavior to be consistent, training and management must also be consistent.

The pet owner must also provide a variety of chew items and mental stimulation toys for their dog to enjoy during their daily down time and rest periods. Adolescents need LOTS of mental and physical stimulation. If these items are not provided at time of pick up, appropriate chew items will be purchased for the dog and the owner will be responsible for reimbursement.

Board & Train Dates:

Thursday (10-1-26) to Thursday (10-15-26) / Cost: \$2,100

Payment methods:

Check payable to Jamie Bozzi

PayPal jamie@smrtdog.com

Venmo @Jamie-Bozzi

I have read and understood the above information:

Date

Owner Signature

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