



COVID-19 Safety Plan

WHEREAS employers are required by section 21 (2) (c) of the Workers Compensation Act to establish occupational health and safety policies and programs in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation and have been directed by WorkSafeBC to develop a plan to ensure that the risk of transmission of SARS-CoV-2 at workplaces is minimized (hereinafter referred to as the “COVID-19 Safety Plan” for the purposes of this Order), Dog Partners has established the following COVID-19 Safety Plan:

1. Indoor classes for puppies and young dogs will be held in facilities where it is possible to properly social distance.
2. A Health Declaration will be displayed at all entry points at any training location, and all persons entering will be shown the Declaration and must be able to answer “No” to all questions in that declaration.
3. A complete list of all attendees and their contact information will be submitted to the training facility after each class for the purpose of contact tracing.
4. Wearing a mask is mandatory for indoor classes including entering and exiting the facility and for outdoor potty breaks.
5. Physical distancing of at least 2 metres between individuals not living in the same household must be maintained at all times.
6. We ask that people physically distance themselves upon first arriving for class in such a manner that puppies are not in contact with each other and people are at least 2 metres apart or more as dictated by leash length as they enter the facility.
7. In order to help maintain physical distancing during class, students will be directed to individual, clearly marked stations which will be their working area for the duration of class.
8. You are free to take your puppy or young dog for potty breaks as needed. Please continue to maintain a minimum of 2 metres of physical distance and remain masked as you exit and re-enter the facility for this and any other purpose.
9. The number of student-dog teams per class will be limited to four (4) with only one (1) primary adult handler per dog invited to attend. We ask that children and other family members please remain at home.



10. There will be one (1) instructor and one (1) assistant present during classes for a maximum of six (6) persons in attendance for each class.
11. Puppy play groups will be limited to a maximum of two (2) puppies at a time and managed by the instructor and assistant. Handlers will be directed to unleash their puppy, and we will call the puppies to us and use our own leashes during play. Puppies will be returned to their owners in similar fashion.
12. Students are asked to touch only their own dogs or equipment.
13. Hand sanitizers will be available to all students at the entrance to the facility and in the bathrooms. Additional hand sanitizer will be available upon request.
14. Any equipment used by the instructors during class is sanitized between classes.
15. Door handles, bathrooms, chairs and other touch points will be sanitized between classes by instructors or facility personnel.
16. Students are required to bring their own equipment to be used for their own dogs during class. Items to bring include:
 - a. Water bowl.
 - b. Stuffed kongs, chew or entertainment toys for downtime.
 - c. Thin mat, towel or portable bed for resting and working on.
 - d. Flat buckle or snap collar, and/or body harness and fixed length leash.
 - e. High quality treats as well as some kibble quality treats. A good gauge of quantity is to bring one sandwich bag stuffed full.
