

# Why Train Your Dog?



Citizens FOR Pets in Condos totally supports AKC Canine Good Citizen training programs. This type of basic training for dogs, following simple commands and learning to behave well in public helps make dogs more accepted, especially in areas where dogs traditionally have not been allowed. **No additional training is required, NOR SHOULD BE REQUIRED, for Emotional Support Animals.**

Not only do dogs need to be trained, but the owners/guardians of the dogs must learn to be responsible pet parents so that their dogs do not become a nuisance to others in the community:

- Pick up after your dog and dispose of dog poop appropriately
- Obtain additional training, as needed, to avoid nuisance excessive barking
- Keep your dog on leash except in designated free run areas in dog parks
- Do not allow your dog to jump up on people
- Provide an environment for a well-adjusted, well-behaved dog: food, fresh water, exercise, play opportunities, attention, veterinary care
- If you see someone who is not picking up after their dog, politely ask them to do so because it could affect your privilege to have your own dog.

Citizens FOR Pets in Condos is a non-profit public advocacy and educational organization dedicated to increasing acceptance of companion animals in condos and other types of association-run housing. We educate the public about the health benefits of having animal companions and also advocate for responsible pet ownership/guardianship. Our motto: "creating a win-win situation for both people & pets." We provide resources for a pet-friendly America/Florida.



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