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Just a little welcome letter to help make Obedience Class, comfortable, enjoyable and accessible.

### **What to bring for class:**

1. Comfortable walking shoes
2. Treats that are special and tasty (hotdog, cheese, liverworts cat treats). These treat items should be small pieces no larger than a cat treat.
3. Something to hold the treats. Fanny packs, bait bags, painters aprons, sweatshirt with a pocket.
4. 6 foot leash that is easy on your hands. **NO FLEXI OR RETRACTABLE LEASHES!** Please enter the training area with your dog on a leash.
5. If you own a training collar, prong, chain, martingale, please bring your dog wearing their equipment into class. I may re-size, or change it depending on your dog and your needs.
6. The class includes a 3 ring training collar and a training manual. So, you do not need to take notes or have a photographic memory.
7. Prong Collars are not included in the cost of class. They are \$30 dollars and if needed, I will have them available to purchase at the classes.
8. Baggies for scooping poop inside or outside please plan to clean up after your dog. To avoid accidents make sure your dog is walked before class.
9. If you have not mailed class paper work or fee, please bring the first night.
10. A good sense of humor :)

### **Helpful Rules:**

Please do not allow your dogs to sniff or go running up to other dogs or people. I like 3 feet of space between dogs. Initially, please do not pet other's dogs. As the dogs become more at ease with the new environment, strange people, and each it will be apparent to who likes who. However, please remember these dogs and puppies are here to train and learn. If they are allowed to jump and play with each other, they will be VERY distracted and have a difficult time knowing the boundaries of class. If you would like your dogs to have playtime, playgroups and daycare please text me to schedule these services at Up North Stables - 782 Whittier Rd, Derby Line VT. Rates are posted on the website.

If you can not make a class, a private session can be arranged for an additional fee. The rates are listed on my website.

Class Cancellation due to weather conditions will follow North Country High Schools public school cancellation notice. These are broadcasted on the Morning news or WCAX. com. If the school is cancelled dog class will be cancelled. With any luck the weather will cooperate and we will have safe roads to travel. If you have questions regarding class cancelation you can text, email for a prompt response. Phone calls may not be returned as quickly.

I look forward to meeting you and your dog. Class is fun as well as educational for both you and your pet. Please remember to follow your homework and try and be patient and consistent with your pet and their learning process.

All The Best,  
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