

Silhouette Sewing Exquisite Dressmaking

Delightful Dogs
Rothsay Ave., Kitchener, Ontario

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Hi Sylvia

I just wanted to tell you how much Harley and I have enjoyed the classes with you. We have come a very long ways since last November. Harley was so small and I was so inexperienced. I can't believe he is the same dog. I am very, very proud of his progress. No matter how he has performed in class, I know that in the real word he is just awesome. He is now walking at heel without a leash for a half hour with me every morning. He knows he is in training mode and does not stray. I use the thong you gave us if he starts to move and I actually carry the shaker can in my right hand as a gentle reminder for any problems. We both enjoy our morning outings, such a pleasure to walk with him.

Even if he never does the drop and recall for you, he has done it many, many times in the driveway and the backyard and his stays are getting better and better when I leave the room. I use the down often when customers are here and I need him to be quiet. The stand and stay is coming in very useful also. I am working on teaching him the word stand on it's own without treats or hand movements. Last week you were very generous with marks for us and I appreciate it. I didn't really feel that he had passed, but since then we have worked very hard and now I feel he has earned the passing grade. Thanks for your encouragement.

Harley and I will not be competing with the heeling etc at a higher level. It has been a lot of fun so far and I want to keep it that way. He is very interested in agility and therapy, so I think we will pursue that avenue. I look forward to therapy May, 2005. Please make sure you are in touch with us when you start booking this class.

The whole point of this letter is say Thankyou. You are a very hard worker, a caring person and are giving your business everything you have. It shows. You care so much about the puppies and watching them grow and learn. Harley and I could not have succeeded the way we have without you. You are always eager to offer extra classes if anyone is having problems. You have also made it fun and I will be sorry to see then end of the last class. No matter where we go from here, I will always remember what you have taught us along with the lessons.....make it fun and keep him safe. The last is especially important to me. We have an excellent base to work from, Thanks again. If you ever need us for anything please give us a call.

Sincerely yours

Marlene and Harley Swider
(Border Collie Cross)