



Dear Parents,

Socialization and training are fundamental ingredients of successful dog ownership and vital in the prevention of future behavior problems. Similar to children attending school or playing on the playground, there are natural airborne organisms that can be transferred from one dog to the next, even when there are no physical signs of illness.

Bark Tutor is committed to providing you and your dog with a clean and safe training environment. In an effort to prevent the spread of contagious illness amongst students and insure a healthy learning environment, Bark Tutor practices the following medical guidelines.

1. Students exhibiting the following symptoms will be excused from their current course until they have received veterinarian approval to return to school.
  - Coughing
  - Sniffing or Sneezing
  - Discharge from the eyes
  - Vomiting (unrelated to car sickness)
  - Diarrhea
  - Skin lesions (such as hair loss, scabbing, draining lesions)
  
2. Students diagnosed with the following contagious illness or parasites will be excused from their current course until they have received treatment and approval from their veterinarian to return to school.
  - Roundworms, Hookworms, Tapeworms or Whipworms
  - Coccidia
  - Fleas
  - Ticks
  - Ear Mites
  - Upper Respiratory Infection
  - Conjunctivitis (redness of the tissues around the eyes)
  - Giardia\*

\*Students with Giardia will not be allowed to attend class until they have had at least one negative stool sample after completing treatment. Please speak to your veterinarian regarding how contagious this parasite can be for the other dogs and humans your dog is in contact with.

If you notice any of these symptoms or changes in your dog's behavior, please notify the school and have your dog examined by your veterinarian. Your dog will be allowed to make up any missed days due to illness. We appreciate your active participation in the preventing the spread of illness and encourage you to contact us with questions.

Regards,

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