

Selecting a Course Instructor by Observing a Class

The following questions might prove useful in selecting an instructor and class. **Training** one's own dog is different than **instructing** a group class. One might be proficient in one area and not in the other.

- Does the instructor create a mental picture of the exercises being taught and explain the command to be used?
- Are the instructions clear and precise?
- Does the instructor seem to be knowledgeable?
- Does the instructor handle students' dogs?
- If the instructor uses a student's dog to demonstrate an exercise, is the demonstration effective?
- Is the instructor's experience evident?
- How does the instructor respond to the needs of the students? Of the dogs?
- How do the students and dogs respond to the instructor?
- What is the attitude of the instructor?
- Is the instructor positioned to observe the entire class?
- Does the instructor make sure that the entire group is engaged in learning for the class time or do you see dogs and handlers just waiting for a turn?
- Is the instructor in command of the entire class at all times?
- How does the instructor utilize the training site?



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