ASTRO TURF RULES!

Well, we think so...

INDOOR SHOES
The astro turf is a green carpet, it must be kept fresh and clean, only indoor shoes allowed, outdoor shoes MUST be removed. Please change from outdoor shoes as you enter and please make sure that your indoor shoes are clean. Please use the shoe racks provided at the door so that you can change back when you leave. Use the concrete area just inside the barn for changing over. Having some shoes that you can slip on and off if you need to take your dog back to the car is probably a great idea so that you don’t have to lace and unlace every time; especially if you have a dog who is happier, calmer and quieter in the car.

TOILETING
Before your dog comes into the barn, please make sure that they have been to the toilet. Training toileting on cue will really help this, and remember, often once is not enough. We understand that accidents can happen, but we really need to minimise this to keep the Astro Turf clean and smelling sweet.

There will be a £5 FINE for any accidents on the Astro Turf to contribute towards the cleaning costs. Ask your trainer for the special Astro Turf cleaner and thoroughly clean the area.

TOYS
Keep some toys for indoor use so that the toys you bring onto the astro turf are as clean as possible and don’t transfer mud into the arena.

IT’S IN THE BAG
To make sure that you have everything you need with you, we suggest using a kit bag. Keep your bag packed with everything that you need so that you don’t forget the essentials and won’t need to change your shoes to go back to the car for anything you forgot. We have kit bags available to purchase, so chat to the team if you’d like to purchase one!

BAG LIST - We suggest that you pack your bag with:
• Your indoor shoes and slip overs for any essential quick trips back to the car
• Lots of food rewards and astro turf friendly training treats
• A towel to dry off those muddy paws and tummies
• A large mat or blanket to catch treats dropped around your dogs bed or crate
• Crate cover
• Clean indoor toys

FOOD & DRINK
Other than training treats, food and drink are NOT allowed on the astro turf area. Use the bowl of water on the concrete area at the entrance to the barn. For your training treats, we recommend you use your dog’s regular meals but if you need something higher value we suggest dried or hard food making sure that nothing is left on the astro. Soft treats like cheese and chicken can get trampled into the carpet and none of us will want that. If you do need to feed raw then this must only be hand fed to your dog.

GUESTS & VISITORS
It’s always lovely to see family members & friends coming along to support you in your training sessions but don’t forget to let them know about the astro turf rules, they will need their indoor shoes too if they want to come onto the astro turf area.

CRATES & BOUNDARIES
• Bring a crate or raised bed to all your classes;
• Pop a mat or blanket on the astro turf before setting up your boundary or crate - to catch any dropped training treats;
• Hone up your boundary and crate games. They are amazing for so many elements of life and will make the transition to astro turf so much easier to manage.

PERFECT PAWS
Before your dog comes into the barn, please make sure that they are dry and clean. If they’ve been paddling in the muddy Devon countryside, please remove any mud or water and dry them off with a towel.

NO SMOKING
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