

RAD DOG TRAINING Medical Disclaimer

In order to best aid your dog, knowing the injury history and medical issues is very important. Owners may think that a dog is acting out; in reality, it may actually be sick and/or injured. If the dog is in pain, he or she will not make very much progress with training. If the owner(s) suspect any of these medical issues, take the dog to the vet to ensure it is healthy enough to train.

- ★ Diabetes
- ★ Pregnancy/False Pregnancy
- ★ Hearing/Vision Changes (including age-related hearing and vision changes)
- ★ Hypothyroidism (underactive thyroid, a condition in which the thyroid gland doesn't produce enough of certain crucial hormones)
- ★ Bladder/Kidney Infections, Kidney Disease (should be checked for in cases of improper elimination by house trained dogs)
- ★ Spay Incontinence (a condition in which a spayed female dog has bladder control issues during her lifetime)
- ★ Dental Disease/Injury (tooth decay and broken teeth can lead to extreme pain for the dog and could be a cause of aggressive responses to handling)
- ★ Arthritis/Dysplasia (dysplasia: an abnormality of development; in pathology, alteration in size, shape, and organization of adult cells)
- ★ Lyme Disease (a wide range of physical symptoms, including joint pain, kidney disease, and neurological changes, such as seizures; the resulting chronic pain can cause aggression. It should be ruled out by a veterinarian in areas known to have a high rate of Lyme disease infections.)

Allergies must also be disclosed to ensure the proper training materials and dog treats are used.

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