

Reagan -- Ann's second dog to complete classes at Jae-Mar-S

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Dear Friends:

When we were asked to complete our evaluation of you in the Basic Obedience Course, I didn't feel I took the time to say everything I needed to say. This is written to more fully give "My Evaluation" of the initial 10-week Basic Obedience Course.

My intention was for additional socialization to compliment "Lucy's" work with the Therapy Dogs and learn more about basic obedience & good manners. I am very appreciative that you allowed us to attend, given her advanced age of 11 years. Old dogs CAN learn new tricks!

I was even more impressed with the depth of knowledge you have as instructors, and each "Story Time" portion of class was a lesson learned. Yes, I was one of those wonderful people who trimmed my dog's nails once a month & thought I was doing a good job. I hadn't spent a great deal of thought on basic first aid and given my dog's overall good demeanour, I didn't pay enough attention to what position a dog is standing/facing (body language toward other dogs) to know whether or not it was "threatening." Wow - do I have a lot to learn! I enjoyed this part of class and again, each "Story Time" was a valuable lesson.

One of the questions on the evaluation is **"Would I recommend someone to Jae-Mar-S, and if so, why?"**

Yes, I would recommend Jae-Mar-S -- and have done so -- without any reservation. I have been on your web site many times and I read everyone's qualifications and background. It doesn't do anyone justice to just "read" it. I was captivated to "listen" to what we were going to do with our dogs each evening, then "watch" one or the other "show" us with their dogs. Each instruction was concise and the atmosphere was very conducive to asking questions. Each "correction" I was given was taken as intended and made me more aware that I needed to pay more attention to myself and my dog. I needed to be aware of what I was "telling" my dog to do and what "information" I had given my dog. Not just expect my dog to be on "autopilot."

I also was impressed with how attentive every instructor was to each dog & the nature and temperament of each breed. You are constantly in a position of watching each dog, their owner, the size and age of the dogs -- y'all really have to be moving & watching all the time. I enjoyed watching the other dogs "learn" and found myself "cheering" for everyone's nightly success. It's not only a learning

experience, it is fun! You made everyone feel comfortable as a group, but also took individual time with everyone in class.

I appreciate your invaluable experience and your ability to give your "people students" the confidence to try harder and be patient and consistent with your "canine students."

I look forward to working with you and knowing you better in years to come. Hopefully, Miss Lucy will be around long enough to need some "brush up" work!

Thank you for making this such a great experience.

Sincerely,

Ann J.
