

First Class Questionnaire! What makes your dog smile?

Please bring to first class!

Class _____ Name _____ Date _____

Dog's name:

Age:

Breed:

Favorite food:

Favorite Toy:

Favorite thing: i.e. praise, making you happy, rolling in cow pies, etc.:

Special thing you do together:

Favorite person:

Second Favorite person:

Favorite Place:

Favorite Dog Friend:

Favorite Trick: (Why?):

Other:

In order to teach your dog new things, you, as the handler, need to understand your dog and what makes him/her tick. What really, really makes the world go 'round. Yes, we hope it's you, but dogs love other things too that they won't ignore as much as they will you when they have something they want to do.

Sometimes dogs have things they like to do that really aren't appropriate. So, in order to change this behavior, we need to teach them a different behavior that they can learn to do instead of the unwanted behavior. In order to do this, we need to know what really motivates them and makes them happy. Just like us. Really, no different. Dogs, like people, each learn in different ways.

This questionnaire should help you really think about and determine what motivates your Fido. Keep in mind that things always change and re-thinking these answers will be necessary as life goes on, as you need other motivating factors, and as you teach your dog new, cooler things. (i.e Woobies might just beat out a tennis ball....or Doggie sausage will definitely outshine the kibble that used to work, etc.)

Main point! Get to know your dog and have fun! Then you can teach your dog anything!