

Marion Alachua Dog Training Association, Inc.

**Incident Prevention Guidelines**

Prevention is the key to safe, incident free classes. The following items need to be followed by all MADTA students, members and non-members.

1. Class students need to enter and exit the training building through the appropriately labeled doors with their dogs on short leashes.
2. Upon arrival and check in, students need to move out of the traffic areas and into their respective rings or field (if available at that time).
3. Students need to keep space between dogs to avoid incidents. Dogs need to be on leash at all times inside or outside of the building unless otherwise instructed.
4. Socializing between handlers should be conducted outside the building in non-traffic areas.
5. Dogs challenging other dogs is inappropriate behavior. If an instructor observes such behavior they need to tell the handlers to take action to alleviate the situation.
6. Dogs with space issues will be required to wear a red bandana/or yellow ribbon, to alert other students. Instructors will consider providing barriers when working dogs, off leash, simultaneously.
7. If a bite is witnessed, the handler and offending dog will be asked to suspend training and leave the training area.
8. Incidents will be recorded on the incident report form by the instructor (or other person in charge), and will be submitted to the Board of Directors for review and disposition.
9. Class refunds will be considered on a case by case basis.

NOTE: Instructors will read these **Incident Prevention Guidelines** at the first class session. These Aggressive Dog Guidelines will be posted at MADTA for participants of run-throughs and open floor times.

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