



## **ARLGP Behavior & Training Program**

### **COVID-19 Preparedness Procedures for Group Training Classes**

We know that as businesses and organizations begin to “reopen” in our community, safety and sanitation are paramount. We have created thorough processes and protocols to implement for our upcoming group training classes.

- We are currently closed to public visitors and have been utilizing phone/technology to perform our essential duties of adoption, animal intake, pet food pantry, and behavior support.
  - We have closed to the public to limit the number of people in our building at once. We are following Maine CDC guidelines and have fewer than 50 people in our facility at all times.
- The ARLGP is deep-cleaned every morning with a veterinary disinfectant called Rescue. Rescue eliminates all bacteria and disease that can be present in shelter/veterinary environments, including COVID-19. Animal areas are also spot cleaned with Rescue throughout the day when animal accidents happen. We are proud of how clean our facility is on a regular basis, and we have taken as many additional steps as possible during this time.
- Our Community Room space is cleaned and sanitized each night by a professional cleaning company. We have created a community room-specific sanitization plan to utilize before and after each group class which includes changing sheets on dividers, disinfecting chairs, and bathrooms, and sanitizing all objects handled at the end of each class.
- You and your dog will be appointed a training station that is more than 6-feet away from another participant to ensure proper social distancing requirements.
- We require all participants to wear a mask.
- There are only two doors that need to be walked through to enter the community room which will be opened by staff and propped open before and after class. There is hand sanitizer at this entrance to utilize upon entry.
- To reduce the number of people in our Group Classes, we will only be able to accommodate 2 people per dog, with a maximum 6 dogs per class.
- Lastly, we ask that you monitor your health and refrain from coming to class at the ARLGP if you are experiencing COVID-related symptoms.

**Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns as we navigate this all together:**

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