

Demo Courtesies!



One of the most rewarding perks of being a member of Paws 2 Dance are the Demos that we do. Whether it is at a Care Home, a Pet Fair, or a Fund raiser, they are all a pleasure to present! There are just a few simple “courtesies” that you need to follow in order to join the fun!

The Demo Organizer generally tries to arrive at the Demo approximately one hour ahead of time to make sure everything is as it’s supposed to be.

Set up and testing of the Sound system is taken care of at this time. Even though we are using electronic music these days (computer or MP3 Player), please be certain to have copies of your music ‘old-school’, i.e. on a CD - one routine to a disc -- you never know when technology will fail us!

If mats are needed, they need to arrive at least an hour earlier than showtime to allow for unloading and laying them out.

It would be much appreciated if others taking part in the Demo were able

to come early enough to walk their dogs and get them settled in time to help with the mats.



Dogs should be either crated or penned unless actively checking out the performance area or doing their routine. Some of the spots allocated for changing costumes and crating are minimal to say the least so this seems to be the best way of making sure no one else is bothering your dog. Please don’t leash your dog to the furniture; some staff are quite particular, and we don’t want to leave a poor impression.



If you use treats throughout a routine, please make sure you pick up any left-overs as you leave the performance area -- the next dog will love you for the unexpected treat but I hate to tell you what their owners think!!

If you're aware of a problem your dog may have with crowds or other dogs please don't take them on the 'visiting' at the end of the performance until they have been "proofed" and passed. This is easily done by taking advantage of 'Meet and Greet' sessions provided by our club, and is required of all new members.

After the show, when the visiting begins, try to space yourself and your dog out from the others; perhaps going to the other end of the room to start and move to the right. This way no one will feel rushed and the dogs will all have a chance



for the rewarding pat from the audience.



Once the visiting dogs have made a circuit of the room please recreate them, change back into street clothes (if necessary), and then help with picking up the mats.

Once the mats are taken care of please look around and see if anything else needs to be dismantled and put away. Some people appreciate extra help returning to their cars with all their gear, so if you're all finished, do offer a helping hand.

If anyone spots a problem at a Demo don't hesitate to bring it to the attention of whoever is in charge. They'll thank you for it because no one wants to have to deal with a problem that occurred previously and perhaps could have been diffused at the time.

Thank you for giving this your attention and helping our demos run smoothly!

Janice Hodge
Demonstration Chair, 2011