

**TWIN CITIES OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB, INC.
POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**

POLICY M-106

Dogs in Estrus

Female dogs in estrus, or season, are allowed at TCOTC under the following conditions:

1. Protection **must** be worn at all times (i.e. “panties”);
2. Dog is attending obedience classes above the Tier 1 or Basic Training level;
3. Or attending any other classes such as agility, flyball, therapy dog, conformation, etc.;

Tier 1 or Basic Training students, and Puppy Agility student, should attend class without their female dog to observe and be clear on the lessons, and receive the homework sheet. If they choose not to attend, homework will be emailed to them. Students may request a credit for a class(es) missed and credit will be given on a case by case basis. It is strongly suggested a dog in standing heat (ready to be bred) should not attend any class. Handlers are encouraged to consider their dog’s physical and emotional health when considering bringing the dog to class while in season, and the response of other dogs on the tone of the class.

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