



Hello and thank you for choosing SnakeOut for rattlesnake aversion training. SnakeOut has been helping the public on rattlesnake education, assisting in removals and dog classes since 2017. Since 2017 we have done hundreds of snake removals in the Northern California area and taught nearly 300 + dogs that rattlesnakes are no fun. Snake aversion training is a useful measure at teaching dogs to avoid rattlesnakes. The goal is that if your dog(s) sees a rattlesnake, it will attempt to avoid the snake and stay back. We use snakes with the mouth taped shut. This prevents the snake from biting and keeps the snake safe and able to breathe. We will have a snake out in the open and walk the dog up and employ the collar to educate the dog on the danger. We use e-collars with a shock or vibration setting. The dogs will walk up and learn through negative reinforcement that they should not be near the snake and stay away. This contract is to hereby show and make clear the goals of the aversion class, and to lay out the terms and agreements made before the training can begin.

Some dogs require multiple reattempts at training and we HIGHLY recommend the training multiple times every year. This training is designed for Pacific rattlesnakes (*Crotalus oreganus*) and may not be applicable to other species of rattlesnakes and other snakes. Some dogs will associate this aversion training to all species of snake, but many dogs do not. This class DOES NOT guarantee the dog will not be bit in the future. Dogs can still accidentally run into or step on snakes, which can result in a bite. Dogs may also forget training over various periods of time and return to old habits. SnakeOut is NOT RESPONSIBLE if the dog is bit by a snake post training. Owners should still keep safety practices in mind and NOT let dogs approach snakes. Do not let dogs wander without a leash or on their own. Dogs with known heart, muscle, behavioral issues, or issues with e-collars SHOULD NOT be entered into this training. SnakeOut is NOT RESPONSIBLE for any injury to the dog (physical or phycological).

We do have some important questions before we can start.

What is the dog's name and sex? What is the owner's name here at the class today?

Has your dog been trained by us or other snake classes before?

Does this dog have any medical or physiological abnormalities? (Heart conditions, muscle issues, behavioral issues, issues with e-collars, ect?)

Has the dog been bit before by a rattlesnake?

Has the dog come in contact with snakes before?

Has the dog ever had an e-collar used? Does he have an e-collar now?

Is this dog fully vaccinated, over 5 lbs and over 6 months age?

Is this dog comfortable being walked by other people besides the owner and family?

Any other comments or concerns we should know about?

By signing the line below, you are agreeing to all that has been stated and said. Thank you and we hope you enjoy your dog training experience.

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