

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



“Obedience Matters”

World Record Dog Obedience Lesson Registration & Participation Information



- **Do you have to live in Apple Valley to participate?** **No**, you do not have to be a Town of Apple Valley resident however, all participants must be at least 18 years of age unless they are an AVAS shelter volunteer. **Dog lovers are welcome from any city or state!** Don't miss out!
- **Is there a fee to participate?** Yes, there is a \$10 registration fee which includes a free tote bag & raffle ticket. For “groups” of 2 or more, registration is reduced to \$8 per person. “Groups” must register at the shelter, one of our offsite registration events, or submitted all together via US Mail.
- **What forms of payment are accepted?** Online you will be direct to PayPal, which takes credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express). At the shelter or offsite event, you may pay cash, check (with ID), or Visa/Mastercard/Discover.
- **How do I sign up to participate?** There are a few ways to register. Go to www.avanimals.org and information/directions will be provided on the site, you may come in person to the shelter, send via US Mail or at an offsite activity. Registration forms are available online, if needed.
- **Is my dog required to be microchipped in order to participate?** No, we are not requiring participating dogs be microchipped. If your dog does not already have a microchip, and you would like one, we have 150 FREE microchips (while supplies last). Proof of paid registration is required. Can be done at the event or prior at the Apple Valley Animal Shelter: 22131 Powhatan Rd., Tues.-Sat., 9am - 4pm.
- **My dog is not a year old. Can I still participate?** The parameters we have been given for this world record state all dogs must be adults at the time of the obedience lesson. If your dog will not be 1 year or more at the time of the event he/she will not be allowed to participate.
- **Does my dog have to be spayed/neutered in order to participate?** Yes.
- **I know my dog is spayed/neutered, but I can't provide paperwork, can I still join?** Yes. We will have vets at the event who should be able to verify. As long as they can confirm sterility at the event, we will accept that as proof.
- **My dog's shots are expired/expiring, can I still join?** Yes. There will be two (2) low-cost vaccine clinics at the event. As long as you have vaccines done there and bring over the proof, you're covered.
- **Can I participate with someone else's dog?** Yes. If you cannot participate with your own dog or you do not own one, you may participate with another dog provided you have the owner's permission.
- **Are there any breed restrictions for participating?** No. One of our goals is to help owner's understand “Obedience Matters” and help make every dog a good canine citizen. **As long as the participating dog is “dog social” he or she is welcome to participate.**
- **Do I need a special collar or leash?** The parameters of this world record state we are not permitted to allow “anything corrective” so choke chains, pinch/prong collar, or similar types will not be allowed during this dog obedience lesson. A properly fitted, regular nylon/leather collar is best during this time. Also , **no retractable leashes.**
- **I still have a question and cannot find an answer on the websites or on FAQs. How can I have my question answered?** Please email AVAS at: AVASevents@applevalley.org

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