

Lure Course

Guidelines and Requirements

- When running Elmbrook Humane Society's (EBHS) lure course, protecting all dogs from injury is our first and foremost responsibility. Running the lure course is not appropriate for every dog. Age, weight, and a dog's general physical fitness are all factors that must be considered. For these reasons, the decision to run a dog or stop running a dog is left to the discretion of the lure course operator.
- All obedience training stops during lure coursing. Lure coursing can be very exciting and over stimulating for many dogs....let them enjoy this as their minds are not in a place to learn or exercise their obedience skills. Do not be embarrassed by the apparent lack of training your dog may demonstrate. This is an instinctual behavior and arousal is part of that behavior so correcting your dog is pointless during that arousal and against our Force Free Training policy (see below).
- It is not safe for dogs with physical or medical ailments to run lure course and as such, we rely on you to make the best decision for the well-being of your dog. It is always best to check with your vet prior to allowing your dog to run lure course due to the physical demands of this activity.
- Dogs that show aggression towards people or other dogs will be asked to leave.
- When not running the lure course, all dogs must be kept on leash and under control. Do not let your dog go nose to nose with any unfamiliar dogs unless both owners consent and are present.
- Some dogs do not understand how to run a lure course. If this happens with a dog, the operator will try techniques to get the dog interested. Once a dog enters the field, refunds will not be provided.
- You will be required to sign a liability waiver at the time of registration. A liability waiver must be executed before a dog is allowed to enter the lure course.
- Water will be provided for dogs to cool down.
- Owners are expected to clean up after their dogs. We have clean-up bags available if needed.

EBHS has a Force Free Training Policy in place. Force Free Training is a type of training that takes into account the emotions and feelings of animals along with the science of how animals learn. Force Free training does not employ pain, startling techniques, fear, or anything the animal perceives as negative tools for care and training which includes shock, choke, and prong collars. In conjunction with this policy, anyone striking a dog will be immediately asked to leave.

