

CLASSICAL CONDITIONING

Many trainers rush adult classes. Give the dog a chance to relax and get used to the environment. Offer kibble.

- Offer kibble as a temperament test to check that the dog is at ease. (If the dog refuses kibble from the owner, he is probably anxious about the environment—give him time. However, if the dog accepts kibble from his owner but not from you—the trainer—the dog probably feels ill at ease with you. Proceed slowly.

Offer kibble so that dog may form positive associations with the class setting, trainer, and other owners.