

THE 'CATCH PEN'

DROP OFF: You will leave your dog in your vehicle while you place all of your dog's belongings in front of the sliding glass door that you usually enter for training lessons. Put the items into the plastic bags provided. This especially applies to your dog's food, so it doesn't get wet in the event of rain or snow. **LEAVE YOUR PAYMENT INSIDE THAT BAG.** (*Make checks payable to 'CPC'*). You will then get your dog from the vehicle and walk your dog around the north side of our house, past the red shed and to the gate on the north side of the fence.

Go through that gate and **CLOSE IT BEHIND YOU.** You will then see a 6 foot high, chain link kennel right next to the house. This is the 'catch pen'. The gate to that kennel will be closed and latched with a giant, brass snap. Open the kennel, take your dog inside and **CLOSE GATE BEHIND YOU.** Remove **ALL** collars and leashes from your dog (including remote collars). **DO NOT** say anything! You may want to remind your dog about the doggie door by pushing on the flaps. Don't say good-bye, just walk away. There are snaps available on the outside of the kennel to hang your leash and collars. If you have a remote collar, please put it inside the plastic bag provided.

Again, it is important you do not say anything! This time, your dog WILL be able to watch you leave and it can cause the dog to become more anxious than necessary, potentially trying to follow you. Remaining quiet will help to alleviate some of the potential anxiety.

SHUT KENNEL GATE and replace the giant brass snap on the gate latch, so there is no way it can be opened. Your dog will have access to the indoor portion of the catch pen, which not only separates your dog from the other dogs, but includes a fresh bucket of water and a 'Kuranda Bed' (cot type bed) to keep him/her off the concrete.

PICK UP: You will obviously do the reverse. You will walk through the north gate, **CLOSE GATE BEHIND YOU,** step inside the catch pen, **CLOSE GATE BEHIND YOU,** call the dog to you and put collars and leash on without saying anything else to the dog(s) until you get home. Your dog's belongings will have been left on the outside of the kennel and/or in a plastic bag. **Please be absolutely certain to close/latch ALL gates** and don't forget to take your dog's other belongings from in front of the sliding glass door. Of course, we will be in touch with each other, so any details can be worked out. If you have any questions or problems, please call or text asap! **303.995.0132.**

Thank you, Suzi Schaefer~