

Dog Eligibility Criteria for the Owner/Self-Training Program:

In order to be eligible for a dog assessment for the Owner/Self-Training Program, your dog must meet the following guidelines:

- The dog must be between 4 months and 3 years old for the Owner/Self-Training Program.
- The dog should not display any aggression toward dogs, other animals, or humans.
- All dogs in the Owner/Self-Training Program must be spayed or neutered before they are eligible to graduate from the program.
- OST puppies must complete the puppy vaccinations series (three DA2PP) and have a Distemper/Parvovirus Antibody Titer Report that shows “Protected” for both.
- OST puppies must have rabies vaccination between 4 and 9 months of age. All dogs ages 9 months and older must have current rabies vaccination.
- Depending upon OST area of residence, heartworm and flea medications must be given at appropriate times of year.
- The dog must have general physical soundness. If the examining veterinarian notes any health abnormalities or concerns on the Dog History Medical Form, ADW will contact the veterinarian to obtain additional information. Further diagnostic evaluation may be required to determine the dog’s eligibility for the Owner Self-Training Program.
- All OST dogs must be microchipped. The microchip information must be provided to ADW.
- Due to high incidence of kennel cough in NM, no dog exposed to kennel cough or exhibiting persistent cough will be allowed into any ADW facility until the cough is gone and/or the incubation period is over.