

Puppy Preschool Class Syllabus

5-Week Class (Class time: 1 hour, people-only orientation, then, 1 hour per week for 4 weeks)

Orientation Class 1 – Orientation for People Only (1 hour)

- Basics of Training - Why use markers?
- Motivation - How to get a behavior (shaping, luring)
- Catch them doing something right
- Housetraining
- Crate training
- Bite inhibition
- Techniques for dealing with chewing and recommended chew toys
- Vaccinations (discuss keeping puppy safe)
- Brief review of puppy developmental stages
- Class information (what to bring to class, puppy potty area, etc.)
- Demonstrate charging the word, "YES!"
- Facebook, YouTube, Twitter

Class 2 – 1st Week With Puppies (1 hour)

- Safe way to meet and greet new dogs and people
- Everyone circulates and meets the puppies
- Review basics of training
- Discuss redirecting jumping up
- PUPPY PLAY PERIOD
- Teach "Attention"
- Review first step in bite inhibition (yip/growl when mouthing hurts)
- Teach "Sit" with hand signal
- INTRODUCE PUPPY TO NEW THINGS – (wheelchair, walker)
- Teach "Settle"
- Teach "Come" understanding the basics of teaching "come"
- Facebook, YouTube, Twitter

Class 3 - (1 hour)

- Introduce puppies to other people in class
- Teach "Take hold of collar" – work with getting puppies comfortable with having collar grabbed
- Teach "Settle" (on leash)
- Review of "Come"
- PLAY PERIOD
- Review bite inhibition
- INTRODUCE PUPPY TO NEW EXPERIENCE (tunnel)

- Teach “Down” with lure and hand signal
- Teach “Leave-It/Take-It”
- Discuss how to be leader
- Demonstrate “Tug game”
- Discuss impulse control
- Facebook, YouTube, Twitter

Class 4 - (1 hr.)

- Review “Settle while excited”
- Puppies introduced to people
- Review “Down” with hand signal
- Review “Leave-It” (add Step 2 – open hand)
- PLAY PERIOD
- Teach “Off” – four paws on the floor
- Demonstrate handling (sensitive areas such as feet, tail, mouth, ears, bathing, nail clipping)
- INTRODUCE PUPPIES TO NEW THINGS (vacuum)
- Teach “Stay”
- Discuss techniques for dealing with chewing
- Facebook, YouTube, Twitter

Class 5 Graduation - (1 hours)

- Puppies introduced to people
- Discuss head collars
- PLAY PERIOD
- Teach “Let’s go Loose Leash Walking”
- INTRODUCE PUPPY TO NEW THINGS (umbrella, Dremel tool for nails)
- Introduce exercises around the food bowl (avoid food protection)
- Self-Control Exercise: Quick to calm
- Review “Leave-It”
- Review behavior problems
- Discuss importance of continued training
- Graduation ceremony, certificates, prizes, photos
- Sign up for next class
- Facebook, YouTube, Twitter



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Staff Meetings: Noon—1:30 PM

Administrative Meetings: 7:30 AM– 8:30 AM

Doctor Meetings: Monday/1:00 PM– 2:00 PM

Holidays: Hospital Closed

Puppy Classes: 6:00-7:00 PM Boxed day is the Free Lecture Day

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