

Life Skills for Puppies

Why Should We Go? At the age of 8 weeks, your pup's brain is fully-formed and ready to learn – the best time of her life for training. Positive, fun training methods are especially important at this time, because coercive teaching methods used during critical periods of development (3-16 weeks), can set the stage for fearful or aggressive behaviors later in life. The gentleness of our methods, plus lots of food and fun, minimizes the potential for later onset of behavioral issues. Classes are limited to 6 puppies, allowing the teacher to spend more time with each pup and on individual family puppy issues. Instructors are professional trainers and behaviorists.

Is There An Age Limit? Puppies up to the age of 18 weeks may enroll. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis

What Will We Do? Any good puppy class will have three main goals:

- Shaping appropriate social behavior with other dogs and people, including children. Activities include:
 - Off-leash play
 - How to redirect mouthing, biting and jumping
- Shaping temperament. Activities include:
 - Exercises to promote the pup's calm acceptance of touch anywhere on its body
 - Developing the pup's ability to settle into a calm physical and emotional state on command
 - Exercises to prevent resource guarding
- Teaching basic manners. Activities includes:
 - Sit, stay, down, come, and let's go (heel) using the lure-reward method of training.
 - Proofing behaviors against distractions.
 - Practical applications such as waiting in front of an open door.



Tell Us More!

- ✓ Cost: \$125. Includes the *Puppy Portfolio* and the booklet *Way to Go!*

<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>
Mondays, Jan 21 - Feb 18, 6.30-7.30pm	Mondays, July 7 - Aug 4, 6.30-7.30pm	Mondays, Oct 20 - Nov 17, 6.30-7.30pm
Mondays, Mar 3 - Mar 31, 6.30-7.30pm	Saturdays, July 12-Aug 16, 1-2pm	Saturdays, Oct 25, Nov 1-8, Nov 22, Dec 6-13, 1-2pm
Mondays, Apr 14 - May 12, 3-4pm	Mondays, Sept 8 - Oct 6, 6.30-7.30pm	Mondays, Nov 24 - Dec 22, 6.30-7.30pm
Mondays, Apr 14 - May 12, 6.30-7.30pm	Saturdays, Sept 13 - Oct 18th, 1-2pm	
Saturdays, May 3 - May 31st 1-2pm	Mondays, Oct 20 - Nov 17, 5-6pm	

- ✓ How to Enroll? Return the registration form below with your \$125. tuition fee (non-refundable) to hold your space in the class.
- ✓ Anything Else?
 - Class runs for 5 consecutive weeks.
 - You probably help your kids with homework; you'll be given homework assignments to do with your pup.
 - To control the spread of infectious diseases, puppies need to be residing in your home a minimum of 10 days prior to the start of class. **Please bring your pup's vaccination certificate or equivalent to the first class.**
- ✓ Questions? Call 262-569-1050.

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Your Name _____ Pup's Name _____
 Address _____ Breed: _____
 _____ Class Start Date: _____ Time: _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____ Age _____
 How did you hear of this class? _____

Payment:

- Check
- Credit Card _____ Exp Date _____

Mail form and payment to: Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants LLC, 105 W. Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc WI 53066.

I hereby waive and release Claudeen E. Mc Auliffe, Kindness Canine Behavior Consultants LLC, and their agents, representatives and assistants from any and all liability of any nature, for injury, or damage which I, my family, my guests or my animal may suffer, including specifically but without limitation, any injury or damage resulting from the actions of any animal, including my own, and I expressly assume the risk of such damage or injury. Tuition fee is non-refundable.

Signature _____ Date _____
 Please Print Your Name _____



Welcome to our Puppy Class.

Please arrive a few minutes early the first night to handle any administrative tasks. Bring your dog's vaccination certification, or a document which indicates you have a relationship with a veterinary practitioner. We do not require vaccinations, however, it is mandatory that you have a documented relationship with a veterinary practitioner who can advise you on the immunization needs of your dog.

Bring your pup's favorite treats. These should be soft, meaty, and about the size of a pea. Good selections include shreds of cooked chicken, bits of Natural Balance soft dogfood, cheese, etc. Some dogs prefer vegetarian rewards such as cheerios or carrots. Let your dog decide which is the best, and have a selection of treats from low value to high value. Value of a treat is determined by your dog!

We use Kong toys stuffed with peanut butter and Chew Hooves to keep pups quiet during the demonstration and lecture parts of class. If your pup may not have these items, please bring whatever you prefer. Pig ears and rawhides are not recommended due to sanitation and choking hazards.

We prefer that all pups wear the Gentle Leader Easy Walk harness, which protects their delicate throats and spines, and prevents pulling in 95% of dogs on which it is used. This equipment must fit well in order to be useful. Please consider allowing us to fit your pup with a harness to insure it is comfortable for the pup and works for you. Prices range from \$18-24, depending on size, and the fitting is free. We encourage test drives before you buy!

We encourage you to bring your children to class. But it's impossible for us to watch the pups and children, too, so if you'd like to bring children be sure they can focus on the activity for one hour. We don't have anything to keep children occupied if they get bored. This activity is probably not suitable for children under the age of 7.

Please do not bring sick puppies to class. But do come to class without your pup so you will know what to work on for the coming week