



## PUPPY KINDERGARTEN CLASS

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Suitable for puppies aged 3-12 months

Note: this class is held outdoors.

\*Puppies should have at least two sets of shots before attending, proof of vaccination required\*

### WHAT TO BRING

- APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR THE WEATHER.
- ALL FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.
- A FLAT LEASH AND COLLAR OR HARNESS.
- LOTS OF TREATS! YOU WILL GO THROUGH MORE THAN YOU THINK. (I SUGGEST FEEDING A SMALLER BREAKFAST SO YOUR PUPPY IS HUNGRY AND READY TO EARN THEIR TREATS.) PLEASE BRING A HIGHER VALUE TREAT AS WELL AS A PORTION OF THEIR REGULAR MEAL. TREAT SUGGESTIONS: FREEZE DRIED LIVER OR CHICKEN, CHEESE, COOKED AND CUT UP HOTDOG.
- SOMETHING TO HOLD TREATS – POCKETS OR A TREAT POUCH.
- YOUR PUPPY'S FAVORITE TOY IE. A BALL, STUFFY, TUG TOY, SQUEAKY TOY.
- WATER AND BOWL.
- A BED OR BLANKET PUPPY LIKES AT HOME (AN OLD TOWEL IF ITS WET OUT).
- OPTIONAL: KENNEL/CRATE IF YOU WOULD LIKE HELP WITH CRATE TRAINING

# Class Schedule:

## WEEK 1

Yes – marker and redirection words

Socialization – what is it and what is it not?

Hand feeding games – take treats nicely

Luring games – sit, down, heel position, break

Attention games – teaching puppy to offer eye contact

No jumping up game – polite greetings with humans

## WEEK 2

Sit and down – adding verbal cue and less luring

Leave it – closed hand to open hand

Loose Leash walking intro – luring into heel position and going a few steps before release

Drop it cue

Teaching proper play with toys

## WEEK 3

Name dash game – puppy learning to respond to their name

Yo-yo recall game – intro to recall

Leave it – open hand then on floor with hand covering

Collar Grabs / leash on and off

Collar on and off game

Spatial pressure lesson – natural body language for dogs – useful for in home and outside

## **WEEK 4**

Spin cue – teaching body awareness

Food bowl manners

Leave it Practice - food on floor

“Go to bed” / Place intro

Leash Pressure Intro

## **WEEK 5**

Loose leash walking – teaching heel and leash drills to create focus

Restrained Recall

Go to bed or kennel and hold position – spatial pressure

Paws up and other confidence building exercises

Doorway manners

## **WEEK 6**

Leave it – leash work working with treats/toys on the ground

Restrained recall practice – discussing recall progression and when to graduate to off leash.

Loose leash walking practice – taking turns walking past other puppies/ watching other puppies pass by

Certificates!