

# Positive Puppy and Dog Training

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## Puppy Class Outline

The course aims to give young puppies socialisation and learning opportunities to lay the foundation for their future as confident, enjoyable family pets. Owners are able to enhance their knowledge and skill in managing their puppy successfully in and out of the classroom environment, forming the basis for future training. The course also seeks to encourage owners to be aware of their responsibilities as a dog owner and how they can best care for their dog.

Classes will be a mixture of demonstrations, short class talks, owner/puppy practice and socialisation with other dogs and people. Please note that we do not always conduct off-lead play sessions with the puppies, this very much depends on the group of puppies. We aim to encourage puppies to be motivated to focus on their owners, whilst providing confidence-building opportunities around dogs of different shapes and sizes.

Owners will receive an information pack on their first week.

### Short Class Talks

Socialisation

Mouthing/House Training

Legal Responsibilities for Dog Owners

Preventing Separation Anxiety

### Exercises

#### Attention to name and recall

*We will be exploring ways of encouraging puppies to respond to their names and pay attention to you. We will also be practicing puppy recalls.*

#### Play with toys

*Not only is playing with your puppy fun, but it is very important for ensuring that your puppy is stimulated enough and will help you to develop and maintain a happy relationship and bond.*

#### Socialisation with other dogs, adults and children

*Socialising dogs aims to prevent fearfulness and aggression developing. In class, puppies will meet other puppies, adult dogs and adult humans and children (where possible) and you will be shown how to encourage your puppy to greet others in a controlled manner without jumping up.*

**Noises and novel items**

*Puppies will be exposed to different noises and objects in a fun way, so that they can explore and you will learn how to reward your puppy for being confident, this will help you to have a fearless adult dog that is easy to take out and about.*

**Handling/examination**

*All puppies will need to go to the vet at some point in their life or maybe to the groomers; teaching puppies to accept being handling and looked at is an important activity for them.*

**Basic positions: sit, down, stand**

*You will be shown how to teach your puppy to sit, lie down and stand up.*

**Walking in a controlled manner**

*We will practice how to encourage and reward your puppy for walking nicely on the lead, rather than pulling you along.*

**Puppy stay**

*Puppies have very short attention spans, but we will put the ground work in for developing stays by teaching your puppy to stay still for a short period of time.*

**Leave it**

*You will learn how to teach your puppy to leave things alone that you do not want him or her to pick up.*

**Self Control**

*Exercises such as stay and leave it will help your puppy learn to control themselves, and we will look at other ways of encouraging this important aspect of your puppy's behaviour.*