



Puppy Preschool
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Course Intro: This will be a five week course detailing some basic commands and learning about common puppy behaviors. I will be going over how to teach behaviors using a clicker, but you do not have to use one. It has been shown that dogs learn 45% faster when initially trained new behaviors with a clicker, rather than the use of verbal marker. There will be handouts on the different topics I will be covering, but if you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email or call!

Requirements: Puppies should be between 8 and 12 weeks at the initial class. Current vaccination and deworming is necessary. In addition, puppies should ideally be in their new home for 10 days prior to starting class. Bring small training treats that are of high value to your puppy. Hot dogs, string cheese, and other strong-smelling treats are usually the most attention-getting to puppies. Please have your puppy on a non-retractable leash.

Class Schedule: Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Classes will run for an hour. The fee for the five class course is \$100. (If you're a current client of Country Side Veterinary Clinic, a 10% discount will be applied, making the fee \$90). If you can't make it to a class, or if the weather is bad, we will reschedule. The first class will be humans only, please leave your puppies at home for this! We will be going over how to train, what information will be covered, and a question and answer period. Each week, I will be sending out an email about what topics will be covered in that week's class.

Goals:

- Socialization – People, animals, environment, situation
- Basic Behaviors – Sit, Down, Leave it/Drop it, Attention/Targeting, Leash Walking, Stay, Recall
- Health – Brushing, Ear Cleaning, Nail Trim, Tooth brushing, Vaccinations, Parasites
- Crate Training and House Training
- Problem Behaviors – Play Biting, Jumping, Stealing Objects, Chewing, Collar Grab, Independence