



Primary School 101

Syllabus

Puppy Primary School is for dogs 4-6 months old and Adult Primary School 101 is for dogs over 6 months old. In this 5-week course, you and your dog will learn many of the foundation behaviors to create a well-mannered family companion -- including, but not limited to: appropriate greetings, impulse control, leash walking, basic obedience cues, reading body language, etc. Since the Pawsitively Trained Group Program is on a rolling schedule, you can start any week that class is being held; you do not have to wait until the "first" class to get started. The concepts in class are taught independently of one another and will be expanded upon in the next class level.

Class discussion topics are listed below. You can start your dog in any week and attend the classes in any order, as long as all 5 class sessions are completed within 3 months of start date. It is recommended that the dogs attend the 5 class sessions consecutively and continue on to the next level class upon completion.

Topics: Positions and Stay

- Protocol: Sit, Down, Stand, Stay
- Understanding Body Language: Body
- Practice: Puppy Pushups, Advancing with the 3Ds

Topics: Out and About

- Protocol: Leash Handling, Loose Leash Skills
- Understanding Body Language: Ears
- Practice: Perfect Pooch, Catch Up, Red Light/Green Light

Topics: Impulse Control

- Protocol: Leave It, Captured vs Cued
- Understanding Body Language: Expression
- Practice: In Hand, On Ground, Moving By

Topics: Come & Calm

- Protocol: Recall, Wait
- Understanding Body Language: Tail



- Practice: Running Recall, Ping Pong, Recall in Reverse

Topics: Social Skills

- Protocol: Go To Spot, Say Hello, Tether Practice
- Understanding Body Language: Stress Signals
- Practice: Say Please, Handling

Recommendations:

Dogs should come to 5 consecutive weeks of class to receive all of the information. Dog “parents” should contact Kelsey regarding missed classes. Dogs may attend the missed class session when it is next available with approval from Kelsey. Dogs should not eat dinner and should be pottied prior to class start time so they are ready and eager to learn!

Requirements:

Dogs must have completed their puppy vaccinations series and dogs over 6 months must be vaccinated against Rabies prior to starting class. Please create an account on the website and enroll in each week of class you will be attending. Enroll in advance to save your spot. Visit <http://www.pawsitivelytraineddogs.com/> to create an account and enroll. Dog parents must read the Welcome Information prior to first class session. Extra copies of these handouts can be found at [Our Welcome Page](#). Please bring high value treats to class (possibly mixed with your puppy’s dinner kibble), a collared and leashed puppy, and a chew item for the puppy to use during the lecture portion of class.

No retractable leashes, choke collars, prong collars, or E-collars allowed in class. This is a positive training program that does not require harsh correction tools.

[Don’t forget to sign up for Prep School 201 to continue through the program!](#)

Congratulations on helping your pup become Pawsitively Trained!

Please contact Kelsey with any questions, comments, or concerns!!
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