



Puppy Pre-K Syllabus

This course is designed for puppies under 16 weeks old, ideally starting between 8-12 weeks old. In this 5-week course, you and your puppy will learn many of the foundation behaviors to create a well-mannered family companion -- including, but not limited to: potty training, how to share, appropriate greetings, low stress handling techniques for vet/grooming practices, polite play and social skills, etc. Since the Pawsitive Puppy 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 while the puppy is under 4 months old. It is recommended that the dogs attend the 5 class sessions consecutively and continue on to the next level class upon completion.

Topics: Social Skills (Puppy Nipping)

- Protocol: Handling, Tools, Lift
- Play and Proofing: Pass the Puppy
- Practice: Puppy Massage, Exams, Grooming

Topics: Sharing is Caring (Resource Guarding)

- Protocol: 4 Types of Guarding, Approach, and Trade
- Play and Proofing: Approaching
- Practice: Tug Game, Drop It, Say Please

Topics: Out and About (Greeting and Jumping)

- Protocol: Exploring Environment, Tether Practice
- Play and Proofing: Equipment and Toys
- Practice: Socializing, Enrichment, Say Hi

Topics: Come & Calm (Recall and Potty Training)

- Protocol: Come When Called, Potty Training



- Play and Proofing: Check In Game
- Practice: Running Recall, Puppy Call, Puppy Greetings

Topics: Intro to Positions and Leash (Polite Puppy)

- Protocol: Name, Sit, Down, Heel, Luring vs Capturing
- Play and Proofing: Collar Grab
- Practice: Perfect Pooch Game, Puppy Pushups, Name Game

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 be a little hungry and should be pottied prior to class start time so they are ready and eager to learn!

Requirements:

Dogs must be up to date on their puppy vaccinations series and dogs over 6 months must be vaccinated against Rabies prior to starting class. Dog “parents” must 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 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 Primary School 101 to continue the Pawsitive Puppy Package!

Congratulations on helping your pup become Pawsitively Trained!

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

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