

Puppy Head Start curriculum



This is an intensive and thorough program designed to help your puppy be the best that s/he can be!!

Consistency is key in dog training and what better place than a trainer's home to provide this.

For puppies who are less than 6 months of age
Puppies must have received their first round of puppy shots

Communication problems are among the main reasons why puppies don't do what their owners expect. Obedience training is designed to aid in this communication between an owner and their pet. A well trained dog can enjoy more freedom and become a wonderful addition to any household. We base this training on positive methods and clicker training. Owners will learn about canine behavior and what they can realistically expect from their dog at any age. Dogs do what they do because of what's in it for them. Let's give them something to work for so that everyone benefits from the training. Communication is a two way street.

We will not only train your dog but will train you to be the very best dog trainer that you, as the owner, can be so that your pup can maintain this high level of training.

Our goal has always been to help one dog at a time... and this extends to dog owners as well.

The puppy will stay with a dog trainer in their home for 24hours/day
7days/week for 3 weeks.

During this time your pet will

- Go on field trips to be introduced to the big world out there. Dogs can develop fears and anxieties to things that are unfamiliar. We will expose the puppies to as many of these factors as possible thus minimizing any chances of such fears.
- Be hand fed so as to develop positive associations with people, hands and training. We will also make them work for all things good. Puppies can be as spoiled as you want them to be...as long as they realize that all things good are their privileges and not rights. No free lunch here
- Practice crate and alone time on a daily basis–this will help to prevent separation anxiety later in their lives. No one wants their puppy to feel awful whenever alone.
- Be Introduced to different people –we want your dog to be friendly to everyone. This includes people with hats, beards. Gloves, umbrellas etc.
- Be taught how to communicate using clicker training.
- We will prevent common puppy behavior problems such as jumping, nipping, housebreaking etc.
- We will track their progress and report that to you
- We will take pictures so that you don't miss any major events and breakthroughs
- Have daily training sessions that will include but not be limited to the following commands

Learn their name

Learn to tolerate handling, teeth brushing, nail clipping and reaching in for their collars.

Watch you for attention and defer all decision to you

Learn how to greet strangers by sitting instead of jumping

Basic manner behaviors of Sit, Down and Stand

Learn to be polite and not drag you out the door

Learn target training to aid in heeling

Loose leash walking for pleasant walks

Heel to get by any distractions

Bring themselves into heel position per your command

Leave it –treats and objects that they should not touch

Drop It–when it’s already in their mouths– treats and objects that they should not touch

Sit–stay and Down–Stay

Go to your place command

Recall–come when called—and games to encourage recall commands

Verbal and hand signals for all commands included

Tricks—you can choose several that you would like to see (choose from Leroy’s resume or pick your own)

Owners receive

- Visitation rights when they would like to see their pups (no overnights are permitted to preserve the consistency of the training)
- Literature about the philosophy of positive and clicker training
- A Clicker
- A 1–2 hour lesson at the completion of the program
- A gift basket of recommended toys and treats to keep your pup on the right paw
- A diploma ready to display your and your pup’s accomplishment
- Option to use a follow–up phone call to ask any questions that may have arisen once the pup has been home for several days