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## Puppy Class

The socialisation period for your puppy is between 3 - 14 weeks. During this period behaviours can be established that may continue for life so it is really important to start training early.

To help you make the most of this crucial period we run an evening Puppy Class which is open to all puppies that have had their first vaccine and are under 14 weeks old. The class is run over four weeks by a qualified nurse and an ex guide dog trainer.

Please ensure to return the Puppy class questionnaire on week before your puppy class starts either via email or via pets app.

### What to Bring

- **A secure collar and lead** (not an extendable lead.) Two fingers should fit between the collar and puppy's neck. The collar should not come off when pulled towards the puppy's nose.
- **High value treats** such as: Cheese, ham or sausage (not biscuit style treats.) There are lots of distractions at puppy class so standard puppy treats don't usually get the puppy's attention. Treats that can be nibbled on the move are better for some aspects of the training.
- **A favourite toy.**
- **Poo bags.**

## Course Structure

### Week One

- Socialisation- two or 3 puppies, at any one time are let off the lead to interact. These sessions are kept short so that the puppies don't get hyperactive and overtired.
- Training- watch and sit is demonstrated and the opportunity to practice teaching your puppy these commands.

### Week Two

- Socialisation.
- Recap on watch and sit.
- Training- walking on the lead.
- Training- recalling your puppy.

### **Week Three**

- Socialisation.
- Recap on puppy recall and loose lead walking.
- Diet and nutrition.
- Training- wait and stay.
- Desensitisation with clinical exam/consult room
- Puppies to learn a trick at home ready to demonstrate next week.

### **Week Four**

- Socialisation and practice recalling the puppies.
- Training- formal recall and wait.
- Training- leave it/take it.
- Puppies perform their trick.

This course is aimed at providing owners with the foundations of basic training, we advise continuation training

