

Welcome to

Puppy Elementary School



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we must ask you to sign in to each class
before attending using a QR code
(we will have a sign available at each class)

WELCOME TO PAWSOME PUPPY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

Congratulations on your new family member and thank you for choosing Pawsome Pet Services to help guide you through this exciting journey.

Let's talk Puppy 101 and what to expect...

8-10 weeks of age: Eat Poop Sleep Repeat

Puppies at this age are great fun; sickeningly cute, usually small enough to carry around and they sleep a LOT. Play time will be short and usually nibbly. As owners we can build some good habits for ourselves by establishing potty routines and crate training (if desired) and lay the groundwork for the future.

11- 13 weeks: Wild Crazy Love

By this age, puppies are becoming more aware of their surroundings and how much fun biting is. As a first time owner, this stage can be very overwhelming because the puppy is more active and testing out its environment with their teeth. Their attention span can be short but we can make good progress with obedience and manners.

14 - 16 weeks: How To Dog

All things going well, this is usually the age where puppies are now able to go to the dog park and actively socialise with the wider world. This is also where we need to ensure that our puppies have good Doggy Manners, which is different to obedience.

18 weeks onwards

The aim by this stage is to have a good base for recall and Doggy Manners so that you can build on your dog's skill and obedience at your own pace, in a manner that suits you and your lifestyle.




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Pawsome's Pack Leader, Happiness Coach
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*Koda & Taj, the inspiration
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WHAT IS THE AIM OF PUPPY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

To educate owners on how to understand their dog, how to read their social cues and teach Doggy Manners and general etiquette. Obedience forms the base of all of our work to ensure a strong bond between dog and owner.

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT FROM PUPPY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

Week 1: Private, one-on-one session at your home

Stef will be visiting you to talk about what your routine with your dog looks like, the equipment you have for them, and nutrition. We will be laying out everything that is working, isn't working and what the future can hold for you. We encourage all family members interested in the ongoing care and training of your dog to attend and ask any questions they have.

Homework: Stef will confirm that you have the appropriate equipment for your first school lesson and that your routine is ideal for what you're trying to achieve.

Week 2: Welcome to Pawsome HQ!

You'll be joining us and three other classmates in our comfortable outdoor setting for the first group session. We will all get to know each other and find common ground in what we're experiencing from our puppies as we settle into life with them. We will be going through the basics of building our bond using obedience and learning about body language between dogs.

Homework: Three Basics Games - Look At Me, Leave It and Name Game.

Week 3: How's it going?

While it's only been a week between classes, let's talk about our successes! We will be focusing on the little wins and fine tuning how we handle our dogs as they experience the world. We will be watching them learn from and play with each other and taking notes on what 'good dog-to-dog manners' look like.

Homework: Pick & Proof - select one simple obedience trick to work on and teach your dog how to do it anywhere.

Week 4: You made it!

While four weeks isn't a long time for us, for a puppy it's a long learning experience. Let's celebrate! This lesson will be an hour and half instead of one hour to allow for some puppy and human fun and celebrate your puppy's graduation. We will be making long term goals and helping you make them a reality.





IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TRYING SOME MORE COMPLEX BEHAVIOURS, SEEING IF YOUR DOG LIKES AGILITY, OR THEY SIMPLY ENJOY THE ENRICHMENT OFFERED BY THE CLASS AND ENVIRONMENT, LET'S CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER!

HOUSE RULES

1. As a COVID-safe business, please ensure before attending each class you register your details via QR code. We will have a sign available at each class:
 - Scan the QR code using the Photo app on your phone (we can help if you get stuck)
 - Follow the prompts
 - Show a staff member that you've signed in.
2. For optimum results, ensure puppy has not been fed at least 1 hour prior to each class (this will help when encouraging rewarding behaviour with treats).
3. Please ensure there is no more than 1 member from your household joining puppy in their class, and this person must attend for the classes' duration.
4. Social Distancing: 1.5 m from other people and please ensure you wear a mask. Hand sanitiser will be provided.
5. Follow any instructions given by the Pawsome Crew - Safety is our top priority.
6. Attendees must wear closed toe shoes.
7. Please ensure you bring puppy's favourite blanket.
8. Pawsome will have on hand a range of healthy treats for rewarding your puppy's behaviour (which you will also be able to purchase at a discount).

THANK YOU

On behalf of the entire Pawsome Pack, we can't wait to meet you and your new furry family member. We look forward to helping create beautiful memories together with you.



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