

Puppy Manners & Social Skills Class Dates

Saturdays at 10:30 AM; Mondays at 6:00 PM 404 Investors Place, Suite 103, VB 23452

*You don't always have to come on the same day you started on; just **come for a total of any six, in any order**; it's not important that you come to each different one. After you have been six times: you may continue to attend, if your puppy is still small and/or still under 18 weeks. The prorated fee for **each additional class is \$20**.*

June 1, June 3: Session 4
June 8, June 10: Session 5
June 15, June 17: Session 6
June 22, June 24: Session 1
June 29, July 1: Session 2
July 6, July 8: Session 3
July 13, July 15: Session 4
July 20, July 22: Session 5
July 27, July 29: Session 6
Aug. 3, Aug. 5: Session 1
Aug. 10, Aug. 12: Session 2
Aug. 17, Aug. 19: Session 3

*Each session **will always include the foundation work** that teaches puppies to learn appropriate play behavior, to sit when greeting a stranger, to come when called, to relax when restrained, and to climb on (and through) a playground of obstacles. In addition, we will talk about that week's topic, while sitting on the floor and teaching the puppies how to relax in restraint. Of course, every week we **will always also address the specific issues anyone is having**, no matter what the topic. And we'll frequently interrupt the puppies' play with a quick **Call Front**, a minute or two of “**Hold That Position**” or a collar grab. You will be assured of taking home a tired puppy!*

List of Puppy Manners Discussion Topics

Session 1: **Around the House:** housetraining, crate training

Session 2: **To Chew or Not to Chew:** puppy biting; chewing, teething

Session 3: **Communicating with Clicks:** using a clicker to teach loose-leash walking; training tricks

Session 4: **Scary People, Places, and Sounds:** strangely attired humans, the vet or groomer; thunder; balloons...

Session 5: **The Rules of the Game:** play that stimulates and teaches drop it, fetch, bring it to me and don't eat that!

Session 6: **An Ounce of Prevention:** preventing physical ailments, resource guarding, and begging for food