

# 2018 Playful Pups Training Class Schedule

**Puppy Manners & Social Skills:** *Saturdays at 10:30 am; Mondays at 6 pm.* **Rolling Enrollment:** Start immediately and join the series of 6 classes at any point in the cycle, coming to either day—or both! --each week until you've been to six classes. For puppies between 8 and 16 weeks at the start of class, this off-leash class provides positive, monitored socialization experiences as well as solutions to common puppy issues (for example, housebreaking, chewing, nipping, and jumping). Although it is not an obedience class, the basic manners that are taught give the pups an invaluable foundation for all future obedience training. **NOTE:** Pups that turn 18 weeks before having attended six sessions will be evaluated before remaining in class with the younger pups. (6 weeks, \$130)

**Adolescent Puppy Obedience:** *Mondays*, next class starts July 2, at 7:15 pm; *Saturdays*, next class starts July 7, at 12:30 pm. This class is the next step for Puppy Manners grads, as it switches the focus from social skills to on-leash obedience training. The same skills are taught that are taught in Basic Obedience, but your adolescent (5 to 10 months, approximately) pup may best be served in this class, since it addresses the energy level of most teenage dogs! (6 weeks, \$130)

**Basic Obedience:** *Thursdays*, next class starts July 5 at 6 pm. If you haven't taken a Playful Pups group class before, this is the class to start with. Puppy Manners grads are also welcome in this class, as it teaches the same skills as does the Adolescent Obedience class. You will learn to apply numerous positive reinforcement training games and exercises which will enable you to teach your dog basic manners and obedience. Skills taught include loose-leash walking, sitting instead of jumping up, staying when told to, and coming called. Most of all, you and your dog will develop a strong, mutually respectful relationship. (6 weeks, \$130)

**Intermediate Obedience:** *Thursdays*, next class starts July 5, at 7:15 pm. If you have already taken a Playful Pups class and your dog has some Basic Obedience skills, taking this class will refine and strengthen them. Continuing to use the foundation skills, you will now apply them to off-leash heeling, distance recalls, and solid stays. This is the class for a dog that has basic skills and an owner who wants to do more! (6 weeks, \$130)

**Advanced Obedience:** This is a class for Intermediate Obedience or Novice Rally graduates who want to maintain or expand their obedience skills. It will be conducted mostly off-leash and will introduce behaviors needed for Obedience and Rally competitions. But the format is relaxed and fun, since skills are often practiced while playing games, such as Musical Chairs or Recall Relays! (6 weeks, \$130).

**Novice Rally:** *Wednesdays*, next class starts July 11, at 6 pm. This class is for dog/handler teams with good Basic Obedience skills and want to continue working together! Teams are asked to heel on-leash through a numbered course of 12 to 15 stations requiring obedience skills, such as sits, downs, and Call Fronts. Because Rally is a competitive sport, you and your dog can enter events and even earn AKC Rally Obedience titles! (5 weeks, \$110).

**Advanced/Excellent Rally:** *Wednesdays*, next class starts July 11, at 5 pm This session introduces the Advanced and Excellent level maneuvers for Rally teams who have completed Novice Rally. It also can introduce the skills needed for AKC Obedience titles, specifically the Companion Dog (CD) title. (5 weeks, \$110)

**Just-for-Fun Agility:** Come see what the sport of Agility is all about? Scaled down equipment will be introduced, then used in sequences. Practices are designed to teach your dog to stay mentally connected to you, even as you increase the distance between you. The emphasis is in enhancing your relationship with your dog, through "team building" exercises; however, many teams will decide to go on to full-sized equipment and competitions! *Dogs will be working off leash, in a group setting!* (6 weeks, \$130)

## ***Specialized Classes:*** 1 to 4 week classes, offered on occasion

**Therapy Dog/CGC Prep:** *Saturdays*, next class starts July 28, at 2 pm. These sessions acquaint the dog and handler team with what they will need to do when being evaluated to earn their Canine Good Citizen designation and/or to become a registered Therapy Dog team. Additionally, it addresses the situations that can be faced when going on a therapy dog visit. Your dog may be tested without this class; however, we offer it for those who would like to refine their skills as well as practice at the test location. (3 weeks, \$70)

**Intro to Dog Sports:** *Wednesdays*, next class starts July 11, at 7:30 pm. Why not see what you and your dog can do together as a team? In this class you'll learn what is involved in Agility, Rally, Obedience, and even Nose Work! The first part of every class you'll learn to keep your dog connected to you as you negotiate Agility sequences; the second part will introduce one of the other sports. Who knows? You may decide you'd like to go on and compete (earning AKC titles!) in one or more of these sports! Dogs will be working off leash. (3 weeks, \$70)

**Click-a-Trick:** Owners will use the clicker to teach their dogs to understand (and relish!) the concept of learning something new, applying this method to teach their dogs a variety of tricks. At the end of the session, dogs can be tested and possibly earn their AKC "Novice Trick Dog" title! (Note: a clicker is used ONLY in the initial stage of training a new behavior; as soon as possible, the trick is put on a cue.) (3 weeks, \$70.00, clicker included!)

**Click-to-Calm:** So your dog is not aggressive, just *overly reactive* when he sees another dog, a squirrel, or anything unusual on his walk. Although you know several "avoidance" techniques, you may want to see if you can teach him to notice the "trigger" but remain calm and in control of himself. No more lunging and barking! (3 weeks, \$70.00.)

**Dog About Town:** These one-time classes meet at a variety of locations, each of which offers an environment in which dog and handler can practice obedience skills out in the real world. Classes typically end with our eating lunch, either at a picnic table or an outdoor café. Limited enrollment. (One day, \$25, lunch not included).

**Beachwalking 101:** Ever picture yourself walking along the beach while your dog frolics close by, occasionally stopping to sniff a horseshoe crab shell, then racing to catch up with you? Well, it CAN happen! All you need is a long line, some yummy treats, a beautiful spring day...and this class! (One day, \$25)

**Stay/Wait!** In this class you'll learn how to teach your dog to stay until released. We'll work with teaching a stay when we walk away, a wait for a momentary "stay," and even a "go to your mat and stay there." You'll also learn how to teach your dog to go into a "settle" at your feet when you sit down and how to resist bolting through an open door. (3 weeks, \$70)

**Loose-Leash Walking:** Wouldn't you like to enjoy taking your dog for a walk? We'll show you how to walk your dog without either one of you pulling on the leash! And we'll do it without using the painful corrections made with so-called "training" devices (like e-collars, prong collars, or slip/choke collars). In other words, your dog will learn to stay near you because he WANTS to, not because it hurts when he strays too far from you! We may also introduce heeling, on and off leash! (3 weeks, \$70)

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