***TO ENROLL:* Send a request through the Contact Us page or to** **playfulpups@cox.net****. Be aware that the classes are small and many classes fill quickly.** **You can check class availability by looking at the upper right corner of the website’s homepage, playfulpupstraining.com.**

***September* Playful Pups Training Class Schedule**

**Puppy** **Class:*****Saturdays*** ***&*** ***Mondays***, rolling enrollment. **This class is for puppies from 2 and 5 months on the first day of class. It provides positive socialization experiences, solutions to common nuisance behaviors (e.g., chewing, nipping), and a strong foundation for future obedience skills, including loose-leash walking, sits/downs, and stays/recalls. “Rolling enrollment” means that you *start at any point of the six-week cycle of classes* and attend two classes a week: Saturdays at 10:00 am and Mondays at 6:00 pm. However, if you’d never be able to attend on Saturdays or Mondays, you can enroll for just one class per week. Puppies attending at least six Puppy classes can be AKC certified as S.T.A.R. puppies! (2 classes per week, $195; 1 class per week, $170)**

**S.T.A.R. Puppy Obedience: *Mondays,*** *n*ext class starts on Sept.1, at 7:30 pm. **This class is for puppies who have been certified as AKC S.T.A.R. puppies in our rolling enrollment Puppy Class. It is not “rolling enrollment,” however, and meets once a week at this time. The puppies will build on the skills introduced in Puppy Class and will be introduced to traditional skills and commands, but they will also engage in supervised playtime! (6 weeks, $170)**

**Basic Obedience S:** ***Tuesdays,*** *n*ext class starts Sept 2, at 6:00 pm**. This class is for dogs that have graduated from a Basic Obedience or an Intro to Force-Free Obedience class. Traditional skills such as Sit, Down, Come, and Leave it are taught. However Basic S focuses on stationary behaviors promoting calmness, such as Settles, Stays, and Waits, while Basic L focuses on teaching Loose-leash walking skills and ways to deal with leash reactivity. The two classes may be taken in either order, but both should be taken to have a complete Basic Obedience education. (6 weeks, $170)**

**Intro to Force-Free Obedience: *Tuesdays.*** next class starts Sept. 2, at 7:30 pm. **This class is for dogs who have NOT yet taken a class with Playful Pups, (including pups who are already 5 months old and ineligible for Puppy Class). Positive reinforcement is used to teach the same skills that are taught in Basic Obedience classes. However, dogs who have not yet learned the foundation skills taught in Playful Pups puppy classes would best be served in *this* class, making it perfect for grown dogs that are new to force-free training and new to learning in a group class environment.** **(6 weeks, $170)**

***September* Schedule of Classes, cont.**

**Basic Obedience L:*****Wednesdays,*** *n*ext class starts Sept. 3, at 6:00 pm. **This class is for dogs that have graduated from a Basic Obedience or Intro to Force-Free Obedience class. Traditional skills such as Sit, Down, Come, and Leave it are included. However Basic L focuses on teaching Loose-leash walking skills and developing ways to deal with on-leash reactivity, while Basic S focuses more on stationary** **behaviors promoting calmness, such as Settles, Stays, Waits, and door manners. The two classes may be taken in either order, but both should be taken to have a complete Basic Obedience education. (6 weeks, $170)**

**Just-for-Fun Agility:** ***Thursdays,*** next class starts Sept. 4, at 6:00 pm**. Why not see what the sport of Agility is all about? Scaled down equipment will be introduced, then used in sequences designed to have your dog stay connected to you as you run near him, but at increasing distances*.* 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 need basic obedience skills, as they will be working off leash, in a group setting*! (6 weeks, $170)**

**Real-World Obedience:*****Saturdays,***next class starts Aug. 30, at 11:30 am. **This is for dogs with reliable Basic Obedience skills, although graduation from Intermediate and/or Advanced Obedience is preferred! Force-Free methods are used to help owners practice navigating interactions between their dogs and other dogs, people, and situations. Behaviors include sitting politely for attention, settling quietly at the owner’s feet, and walking on a loose-leash, even when distracted. Several classes will take place off-site, in the Real World! (6 weeks, $170)**

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