

## **FAQ – Puppy Classes at Quincy Kennel Club**

### **How old does my puppy need to be to start classes?**

The best advice will come from your vet. We have started puppies as young as eight weeks, but some vets prefer that the puppies have completed their puppy inoculations. We only ask that the puppies have the shots appropriate to their age at the time of enrollment.

### **When and where do classes meet?**

New classes begin the first Tuesday evening of each month at the Quincy Kennel Club. We are located at 3909 Commercial Drive, directly across the street from the Fed Ex building.

### **How do I enroll my dog in classes?**

We keep a waiting list for classes which will begin the following month. To add your dog to the list, call Jane Huelsmeyer at 217-434-8655. She will take contact information and your puppy's name, breed, and age. The week before classes begin, you will be contacted by your instructor with specific information about your class. Because we want to keep class sizes small, if you call late in the month, you may have to delay enrollment until the following month.

### **How much do classes cost?**

Classes cost \$80 for ten half-hour lessons. If you must miss a class, you will not lose that class. It will just carry over, so you will always get your ten sessions. If you decide to continue obedience instruction with us, each set of ten lessons will then cost \$50.

### **What equipment do I need to bring?**

You will need a collar (buckle, prong, or martingale) and a six-foot leash. Flexi-leads are not allowed. You may bring your dog into the building using a harness, but you cannot train in one. You will also need to bring bags to clean up after your pup, both outside and inside (in case of accidents).

## **How and when do I pay for classes?**

You will pay the night of your first class. Currently the club does not accept credit cards, so you will need to pay using cash or check.

## **What will the puppies learn?**

We follow the S.T.A.R. Puppy program which is outlined by the American Kennel Club. Puppies will learn basic manners, to walk nicely on a leash, sit and lie down on command, go through a doorway, come when called, and how to interact with other dogs and people. In addition, we introduce the puppies to a variety of new surfaces, obstacles, and textures. More information about puppy class and the S.T.A.R. puppy program is available on our website ([www.quincykennelclub.com](http://www.quincykennelclub.com)).

## **Can more than one person in a family train the dog?**

It is best that only one person at a time works the dog in class. If a second trainer attends, they should alternate working the dog. Two people working at the same time will only confuse the dog.

## **Additional questions?**

Contact Ann Behrens at [akbehrens@comcast.net](mailto:akbehrens@comcast.net). We look forward to meeting you and your puppy.



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