

**Waggy Tails Puppy Pre-School**  
**Client details form**

Your full name.....

Your full address.....

.....Postcode.....

Telephone no.....

Your puppy's name.....Age.....

Breed.....Male..... Female.....

What is your puppy's daily diet?

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Where did you hear about our classes.....

Which veterinary practice are you registered with.....

Are there any problems you have with your puppy that concern you? (no matter how small)

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# Puppy Classes

Puppy classes are designed to be an opportunity for you and your puppy to begin on a journey of learning together and to offer you both an introduction to modern training methods. The classes will be interactive for puppies and handlers, where you can explore how to play up to date games designed specifically for dogs, learn about how dogs are experts at reading our body language and how to make the most out of using food rewards effectively with your puppy using positive reinforcement. This means a reward is paired to behaviour increasing the likelihood that behaviour will be repeated. Reward-based training will ensure you teach reliable responses that will be far more effective as well as developing a relationship with your puppy based on love, trust and understanding.

We teach only positive reward-based training methods with puppies and it is for this reason that we do not ever allow the use of the following methods in classes

- **The use of choke chains**
- **The use of half choke collars**
- **The alpha roll & pinning down**
- **The use of sound aversions**
- **Pushing down, shouting at or the hitting of puppies**
- **Spray collars**

Remember your puppy did not choose to come knocking on your door: you chose your puppy. You will need to teach your puppy how to adapt to life in your home, create a safe environment for them to explore, perhaps learning about how to share space and live alongside potential prey animals and learn good manners. Rewarding your puppy for what is acceptable is both easier and kinder than telling them off for doing things that you don't approve of. Puppies are eager to please until they reach adolescence, so it is important to utilize this stage of their life and spend quality time educating them, this can be fun and rewarding and you will be amazed at what your puppy can learn. At such a young age puppies tire easily and have a very short attention span, they need short sessions of training, just a few minutes at a time. It is important to try to be calm, consistent, patient and kind.

## **When you come with your puppy to class bring with you the following:**

- Ensure your puppy is wearing a suitable flat collar and lead
- Puppy's blanket or a piece of their bedding so that they have something which smells familiar to help them settle
- A puppy Kong that is either smeared with Kong puppy paste, stuffed with food (not dry kibble) or a tasty chew to give your puppy something to chew on in class
  - A small portion of your puppies normal dry kibble
- Some chicken, liver, mild cheese or sausage. This should be cut up into small pieces about the size of a pea.
- A puppy toy, we do not allow the use of squeaky toys in class

We do not allow off-lead play in class at all, this simply becomes a 'free-for-all' where some puppies will learn how to bully and other puppies will fall victim, this can easily frighten timid puppies and teaches the bullies bad habits, not to mention puppies can become injured. Instead we encourage you and your puppy to build your bond together through structured, fun, interactive training classes which will provide your puppy with mental stimulation.

Well behaved children are welcome in our classes, however they remain the responsibility of parents, who must be supervised at all times and are required to remain seated during class time. Whilst we encourage family members to participate in class with their puppy, for reasons of health and safety, children are not permitted to handle the puppies unless agreement has been made with the trainers that are responsible for the puppy class, including the arrival and departure of the premises.

**Please note:** The puppy training environment is specifically for puppies:  
It is not a children's playground!