

# **Puppy Steps Training**

## **Breakdown**

- Socialization
  - Your puppy will be exposed to and have a positive association with a variety of new experiences. These include other animals, children, adults, intense sounds such as thunder, firecrackers, gunfire, cars, aircraft, new places, and more. The first 2 weeks of training we focus on Socialization and building confidence.
- Manners – By graduation your puppy will be expected to perform the following:
  - Greeting – Puppy sits automatically for greetings without jumping up
  - Gates & Doorway – Automatically holds a stay until released
  - Feeding Manners – Automatically holds stay until released to eat with distractions
  - Chewing & Mouthing – Can easily re-direct onto chewing & mouthing appropriate things
  - Jumping – Not jump up onto people, taught “off” command
  - Gently – Take food, toys and other things gently from a person’s hand & using restraint with teeth
  - Aggression Prevention – Conditioned to prevent protective aggression, resource guarding, respecting the leadership of the handler and more
- Basic Obedience Commands
  - Come – Come when called the first time at a distance of at least 20 feet with distractions. Recalls are taught in many settings with many different environments & distractions, such as other dogs and puppies
  - Watch Me – Break attention even with intense distractions & look at handler on command
  - Sit – Sit on command & as a default behavior
  - Down - Lie completely down on command
  - Stay – hold at least 20-30 second stay in sit and down positions even with fairly intense distractions in a variety of settings and environments
  - Crate – Go into a crate on command and stay there until released
  - Place – Go onto their bed or any specific area on command and stay there until released
  - Leave It – Leave something alone on command; such as food, personal items, babies and toddlers, other people, furniture and more
  - Drop It – Release something from their mouth, such as a toy on command
- Crate Training

- Your puppy will be taught to be comfortable in a crate without having accidents. They are also expected to be quiet in the crate. Our Expectation is that they will last a full 8 hours through the night and 3-4 hours during the day.
- House Training
  - Your puppy will be taught to ring a bell as an outlet to inform you that they need to go out. We also teach your puppy to relieve themselves in one area of the yard. They will also be expected to last at least two hours in the house under supervision without needing a break or having an accident.
- Leash Training
  - Your puppy will be taught to walk on a loose leash and not pull. We also work on off leash obedience during numerous off-leash walks.

This program has been designed to take the most practical and useful behaviors and train them using the simplest means possible for a typical family or owner to implement using the instructions provided. We've been doing this program for many years now and have, over time, identified the most useful behaviors and most effective ways for teaching owners how to implement them.

The success of this training in the home is heavily dependent upon all family members becoming very familiar with the educational materials provided and following through with instructions carefully.

You won't believe what can be accomplished in just 6-8 weeks & we love to see people's reactions when they come at completion and see what their puppy can do! We look forward to working with you and your puppy soon!

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