

Puppy Kindergarten

S.T.A.R Puppy Testing Available

Class Description

\$120 / 6 Weeks / 1 Hour

Eligibility: All breeds of puppy's ages 3 - 10 months.

Drop-In: YES

Revolving Enrollment: YES

What is Puppy Kindergarten?

Puppy Kindergarten is for puppy's ages 3-10 months. In our safe and sanitary environment your puppy will be introduced to different stimuli, people, other puppies and more. With a proper educational foundation, we're able to help assure that your puppy reaches its greatest potential. We are committed to helping new puppy owners set off on a path that will lead to a lifetime of opportunities and achievements, no matter how big or small they may be. This class is a well thought out and carefully conducted development and enrichment program, designed to help your pup develop into a confident pet. We use "Operation Socialization" protocols to help ensure that your puppy becomes well-adjusted to our busy human lives. You will be taught how to positively handle your puppy through a series of activities that include mock grooming exercises, veterinary exams, kitchen and living room etiquette, trip to the café and a walk through the neighborhood. With these activities your pup will learn come, sit, down, stay and leash walking.

You will work your puppy on and off leash. This is important in establishing a reliable working relationship. As a reward, puppies will be allowed short recess time to learn how to properly play and socialize with one another while also learning to listen when distracted. This will be great for anyone who plans to bring their dog to parks or beach environments where dogs are off leash together.

What is S.T.A.R Puppy?

S.T.A.R stands for Socialization, Training, Activity, and a Responsible owner. If your instructor is a registered AKC Evaluator and your dog is enrolled in the full course they are eligible to take the S.T.A.R Puppy test on the last night of class. However, if your instructor is not registered as an official AKC evaluator, you're welcome to make an appointment with one who is at no extra charge. If you have plans to take the S.T.A.R Puppy test, please make sure you have an AKC, PAL or Canine Partners registration number. You will need this number in order to make the title official. All breeds including mixed breeds are eligible to take the test and can obtain a registration number from AKC. Testing is completely optional and whether for fun or for the official title, all are welcome to participate in the testing. More information is available at <http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/akc-star-puppy/>

Additional information

Prior to starting class, puppies are required to have the vaccines appropriate for their age, along with the Bordetella and both strands of the Canine Influenza vaccine.

What to bring to class?

- 2 types of food rewards. Be sure they're soft, pea sized treats. Avoid dry crumbly treats.
- Something to carry treats in such as a treat bag, waist apron or be sure to wear clothing with pockets (*its best to find something that clips to your waist for easy access*).
- 6 ft. leash and a martingale, regular buckle collar or harness (*retractable leashes, choke chains and prong collars are not permitted*).
- If using a training aid please bring that as well (*e.g. no pull harness or head halter*)
- Travel size bed, rug or mat.
- Water bowl for keeping your dog hydrated and comfortable.
- A hungry puppy
- Close toed shoes for safety (Not optional).
- A clicker (*optional*).
- Your puppy passport (*Provided to you on week 1*)
- A mentally stimulating toy such as a Kong stuffed with food or sterilized bone.
- A non-squeaky plush toy.