

Puppy 4-6 Months Class and Puppy 7-12 Month Class

Please note that puppies who have not been already introduced to Sit, Down, and Come must not be entered. Excessively barking puppies will be asked to leave the class and refund will be provided. Socialization is not a part of the curriculum.

Puppies should wear a buckle collar, Freedom Harness is a requirement (unless a puppy is too small in size). Only 4 foot leashes are permitted. Please look through details at the end of this page.

What are the differences between two Puppy Classes?

- Classes are divided by age to provide the optimal learning environment tailored to specific stages of puppy development.
- Classes cover foundation behaviors at different levels of difficulty suited for each age group.

What are the goals of Puppy Classes?

- Our main goal is to give you tools how to successfully educate your puppies.
- The skills covered take more than six weeks to fully develop. We provide guidance on how to continue building these foundational behaviors after classes are completed.

What is excluded from the curriculum?

We do not provide instruction on how to play with other puppies. All students will have enjoyable and engaging interactions solely with their parents, class instructors, or assistants.

Who must not enroll?

To maintain an optimal learning environment, we must request that excessively barking puppies and those who have not been already introduced to Sit, Down, and Come must not be entered are not enrolled. CDTC will offer a full refund in such cases.

What is the progression?

Puppies who successfully complete the "4-6 month" class will advance to the "7-12 month" class.

Those who did not have the opportunity to attend the younger puppy class can enroll directly in the "7-12 month" class. Previous attendance of Puppy 4-6 months Class is not required.

The difficulty of exercises will be tailored to puppy's individual abilities.

It is quite common for puppies to retake these classes.

What skills are covered in both puppy classes?

- Sits and Downs
 - Recognize both verbal cues (commands) and signals
 - Offer the desired behavior upon the initial cue
 - Respond to the cue faster
 - Withstand distractions
- Come
 - Enhance reliability
 - Increased distance
 - Withstand distractions
- Polite greeting of strangers
- Be more attentive to the parent
- Loose-leash walking
- Good manners when:
 - Being petted
 - Taking a treat
 - Going through doors
- Behavioral skills:
 - How to relax when being handled:

- Brushing
- Checking ears
- Being petted on top of the head
- Wiping feet, etc.
- Be neutral towards other dogs

Skills exclusive to 4-6 Months Class

- How to react calmly to unfamiliar sounds
- How to be confident to walk on unfamiliar surfaces
- Be neutral towards people carrying umbrellas, using walking sticks, wearing unusual clothing, walking with a limp, running, etc.

Skills exclusive to 7-12 Months class

- Supervised separation
- Go to your place
- Stay

Exercises will be broken up with mentally stimulating games.

What do I need to bring to Puppy Classes:

- Freedom Harness manufactured by “2 Hounds Design” is mandatory unless a puppy is too small in size.

Please do not purchase double connection leash that is sold with the harness.

Harness must be sized for the puppy without leaving too much space to accommodate growth.

Please note that while other harnesses may appear similar, they may not offer the same functionality. Please fit the harness before the class but do not use it.

When coming into the building, please attach the leash to the front loop.

The harness can be purchased on Amazon or directly from manufacturer. Amazon typically offers faster delivery.

Amazon link – [click here](#)

Manufacturer link – [2 Hounds Design](#)

- Four-foot basic leash

Bungee leashes, leashes with attached traffic handles, heavy rope leashes, or retractable leashes are not allowed.

- Three varieties of treats (soft, small, and easily consumable) or dog food if your puppy is particularly motivated by it
- A toy that is not a ball or intended for chewing
- Place mat is optional in 4-6 Months Class. It is required for 7-12 Months class.
- Water along with a suitable water bowl
- Poo bags for clean-up