

# PUPPY PRE-SCHOOL!

A private 2 hour puppy session is available, by appointment, in your home at a cost of \$60. We will cover the following:

Jumping up  
Socialization  
Choosing a vet  
Spaying/Neutering  
Housebreaking  
Whining/Barking  
Digging  
Chewing  
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Leadership  
Prevention  
Correction  
Handling  
Exercise  
Bonding  
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## Starting right with your puppy!

### Puppy Love

1 puppy  
1 owner or family  
1 gallon of affection  
12 cups of romping & playing  
1 fenced yard  
1 chew bone  
7 cups of socialization  
10 cups of consistent training  
16 cups of patience  
regular grooming  
LOVE without measure



Begin with puppy and owner. Generously pour on the affection. Vigorously mix in the romping and playing to prevent destructive habits. Allow puppy to rest regularly in fenced yard with chew bone to develop security and avoid anxiety. Carefully blend in socialization and consistent training. Add patience, mixing in more if necessary. Garnish with regular grooming. Cover over the entire mixture, LOVE without measure. Stir daily until puppy and owner are one!

*Enjoy!*

## PUPPY LOVE

He is in your hands, that soft and cuddly little creature who wants nothing more than to lick your chin. Through your care he can grow into a fine example of man's best friend. However, without proper care and training, that innocent pup can develop into a noisy and destructive nuisance. He can even become dangerous to you, your family and ultimately to himself. His future is in your hands. Your puppy's greatest danger is not parvo, heartworm or getting hit by a car. Although those things are threats, the greatest killer is lack of training. Millions of dogs are put to death because owners failed to train them. Protect your new friend by positively shaping his character from the day you bring him home.

A child does not begin formal schooling until he is five, but he learns a lot about manners before that. Likewise, don't rob a puppy of his puppyhood by rigid training, but do expect good manners early. It is best not to even try to teach the pup "sit", "down", or "stay" unless you say the command only once and gently place his body into that position. Repeating commands teaches your dog to ignore and disobey you. Do teach him "come" by giving the command and pulling in his string until he is right in front of you. Praise and release. Most puppies come when called until they are 3 to 4 months old. After that, never call him unless you have the string in your hand and can reel him in, or you will be laying a foundation for disobedience. Dogs are creatures of habit, and everything they do teaches them real life behavior, both good and bad. It is always easier to correct a bad behavior while they are puppies, than break a bad habit later. Teach him good habits. He is looking to you to be his leader. Dogs are pack animals, born to follow and respect the pack leader. If you don't take the leadership role, he will, and you will have an unmanageable, potentially dangerous dog. Never let him play bite or growl at you. Quickly snatch him up and give him a brief, firm muzzle squeeze and direct eye contact. Lovingly give your dog the best of care, but never let him dictate to you.

His formal education can begin at 6 months – 1 year. Scotch Pines Dog Training, Specializing in Off-Leash Obedience, offers a course educating your dog from kindergarten to graduation in nine weeks. Scotch Pines is the largest dog training school in Idaho, has recently expanded to Alaska, and is one of the largest in the nation. The results are amazing. See our website at [www.spdogtraining.com](http://www.spdogtraining.com). You may also contact your trainers, Stephanie and Belle, for details.



## HOUSETRAINING

Although it may be fun to let the new puppy have the run of the house, little accidents can quickly turn into terrible habits. The secret to successful housebreaking is confinement. If you want reliable results follow this schedule. (Assuming you use a crate, and feed three times a day.) If you don't use a crate, see the trainer for modifications.

### **ROUTINE:**

- ♥ When he wakes up, immediately CARRY him outside and praise while he goes potty.
- ♥ Tie him to your waist with a 10' string and go about your morning routine for 30-60 minutes. (If he piddles while tied to you, shorten his string.)
- ♥ Tie string to a doorknob and leave him with his food and water for 15 minutes.
- ♥ Take him outside and let him drag the string, praise while he goes potty.
- ♥ Tie him to your waist for 30-60 minutes of playtime.
- ♥ Take him outside, dragging the string, praise while he goes potty.
- ♥ Crate him for a 2-3 hour nap.
- ♥ Take him outside to potty, letting string drag, praise.

Repeat through afternoon and evening feedings, adding outside play time, socialization, trips to town in the car, anything that you will likely do with him in his life. On this schedule he will never be running loose in the house, not even for a moment, so there should be no opportunity for an accident. If one should occur it is your fault. Do not discipline him. Clean it up with an enzyme cleaner, sold as a pet stain remover. As his bowel and bladder control matures (12 weeks), gradually let him have longer playtimes with the string dragging – not tied to you. When he nears the door, drop everything and run to let him out. PRAISE! Gradually cut the string back until it is gone.

Socialization is critical at an early age. Before your pup is 16 weeks old, introduce him to all the sights and sounds he may encounter as an adult. By exposing him to children, adults, other dogs, sounds of traffic, lawnmowers, playgrounds, laughter, and music, you will be building his confidence and teaching him to take life in stride. If he shows fear, or timidity DO NOT soothe him as it only encourages more fear. If he shows aggression, scold him sharply or give him a muzzle squeeze. As you approach each new situation, he will take his cues from you, so lead well and stay calm.