

2010 Winter/Spring Class Schedule



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Family Dog Training

Head Start Puppy Training

We're off to a great start in the new year of 2010. As you read through the choices, we based our time frame on dates and days according to what worked for our students last year. We'll add some additional second level classes for those of you who wish to build your training skills and add new "cues" and tricks to your dog's repertoire.

If you've taken our Family Dog class before and want to join us again to brush up on your skills or just have quality family and dog time, you'll get a discount on the class if you bring your training book. So have a look at the schedule and call or email to reserve a spot. Our reservation list has started.



Is a group training class right for my dog?

Answer: Most of the time, yes. There are exceptions to any rule. Some dogs are so uncomfortable in a classroom environment, they just can't settle down. They are so stressed out, they can't learn. On occasion we have dogs that fit this description. Usually by filling out the behavior profile and giving us information on how your dog reacts around other dogs and people, we can determine if the classroom environment is just too stressful for your dog.

Any dogs that have not been exposed to the classroom environment are at least a little stressed in the beginning. That is normal and OK. By doing your homework and working with your dog, their confidence and training skills can grow pretty quickly.

If you want to take a training class but you're worried that your dog is too excited or too stressed or aggressive, please talk to one of us ahead of time. We can help you determine if you need to have some "one on one" training for your dog. We can design and build a program to help you and your dog to be more comfortable and confident around other dogs and people.

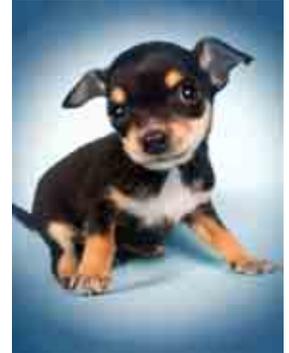
Our first and most basic philosophy is to do no harm. Our training techniques use the most current scientific research data on canine cognition and learning theory.

You can contact us at www.totalteamworktraining.com to talk about your dog and any special questions. We are available to do in home training around your family schedule.



How old does my puppy need to be to start training?

Start training that puppy the moment you bring her home! She should have a thorough health check by your veterinarian. At your veterinarians' recommendations' you can begin to socialize her in new environments. But, be sure to limit her exposure to areas where multiple dogs have been allowed to run free. There are diseases transmitted in the waste that dogs produce and their owners neglect to clean up. (This can be very serious for puppies!)



Important things to teach your puppy:

(We cover these in our Head Start Puppy Class)

Potty training - crate training - appropriate chew toys - proper play time with children - social skills with other puppies and the basic cues for SIT - SETTLE DOWN - COME HERE - LET'S GO - Teaching puppies what not to bite is very important!

Important things to teach your family:

Leadership • Management • Patience • Appropriate games to play with puppies

Which family members are responsible for training? (the answer is everyone in the household!)

Children should be supervised with puppies until they understand the ground rules for playing with their new puppy. Rough housing and wrestling are fun to play, but are not always the best choice for games. It can actually make it harder to teach a puppy bite inhibition. It encourages the puppy to grab and hold onto pants and shoes and fingers. It's not so bad while the puppy is 8 weeks old and still somewhat small and weak. But, what the puppy learns the young adolescent dog remembers and those bites can injure a small child. Also a puppy that has a tendency to play rough and growl can grow into that bad attitude and bully children. By teaching inappropriate play games to young puppies, that very behavior can end up causing a family to give up on a young dog for being mischievous and out of control. Managing interactions with kids and offering the puppy a time out in his crate can often settle them all down while you teach young children the do's and don'ts of puppy play.



Here's a page out of our puppy book:

**Head Start Puppy Training
Total Teamwork Training llc**

The Difference Between Management and Training

What is Management – What is Training

Behavior	Management	Training	Combined management/training
Housetraining	Scheduled confinement setting limitations	Take puppy to potty place and reward the right behavior	Consistent schedule of appropriate reinforcement and getting ahead of mistakes
Chewing	Confinement when necessary and limiting access to inappropriate Items. Put stuff away!	Create a great appeal for fun chew toys by teaching puppy to enjoy his toys	Limit access to inappropriate items Praise the puppy for the right choice Confine puppy to a safe area when not under supervision
Barking	Always check out the cause of the barking Remove the dog from the frustration	Teach your dog when it's time to stop barking Teach Speak and Shush	It's your job to check out the cause of the barking and redirect your dog to another activity
Puppy biting or mouthing	Manage your puppy's energy level and redirect puppy biting to an appropriate chew toy	Teach your puppy that humans do not enjoy puppy teeth because it hurts and stops the play	Consistent reinforcement of appropriate behavior and your puppy's energy level. Avoid rough housing!
ZOOMIE behavior Hyper Puppy	Physical and mental exercise every day	Teach games to release excess energy	Follow a consistent exercise routine and challenge your puppy with games
Begging at the table	Don't feed your puppy from the table	Teach your puppy to go to his mat during dinner time	Instruct all family members and guests to follow your rules for feeding from the table
Raiding trash cans	Keep the door closed or use cans with lids	Teach "leave it"	Teach "leave it" and be sure to reinforce your puppy for making the right choice
Your ideas below	Management	Training	Combined management/training

With a good consistent routine and total family participation, you can welcome your new puppy into your family with a minimal amount of trouble and head off bad behavior before it starts.



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Craig Puppy class – Wednesdays - Jan. 27- Feb. 3 - 10 - 17 (6 pm to 7:30 pm – Centennial Mall) \$100
Puppies come to all classes

Steamboat Puppy class – Saturdays – Jan. 30 – Feb. 6 – 13 – 20 (2 pm to 3:30 pm – Pet Kare Clinic) \$150
Puppies come to all classes

Craig Family Dog class – Wednesday – Feb. 24 (first class no dogs) – March 3 – 10 – (skip 17 for Spring break) – 24 – 31 – April 7 (6 pm to 7:30 pm) \$150

Meeker Family Dog class – Saturday – Feb. 27 (10 am to 11:30 am - first class no dogs) – (Sunday - March 7 – 1pm to 2:30 pm) - Saturday – 13 – 20 – (skip 27 for Spring break) April 3 – 10 - (10 am to 11:30 am) \$175

Steamboat Family Dog class – Saturday April 17 (first class no dogs) – 24 – May 1 – 8 – 15 – 22 (10 am to 11:30 am - Christian Heritage School) \$250

Steamboat Puppy class – Saturday April 17 – 24 – May 1 – 8 (2 pm to 3:30 pm – Pet Kare Clinic) \$150
Contact Laura or Sandra to sign up for Craig or Steamboat classes

The difference in prices reflects number of classes, facility rent, time and travel.

Contact information:

Craig or Steamboat Classes:

Laura Tyler 629-1507 or Sandra Kruczek 824-4189

Meeker class – Arlene Estes 878-5655

Or email us here: dogs@totalteamworktraining.com

We also need some feedback. We're thinking about adding a spot to pay for classes online. But before we do, we'd like to know how you would feel about that? Are you OK with sending a check to us through the mail or making arrangements to pay the first night of class? Or would you find it convenient to pay online?

