

“Puppies are like children - both need boundaries and are a lot more enjoyable if they are relatively well behaved!”

*Gillian, fur parent to puppy school participant  
Labradoodle, Sunny*

What's the first thing you do when you get a new puppy? Cuddle them until you feel your heart is close to bursting? Check. Introduce them to the family and their new home? Check. But after that? Why, you book them into puppy school of course!

If you're stumped why this might be the next logical step, the following information will explain why puppy school is a crucial step in ensuring your new bundle of joy becomes a happy, healthy and functional member of your family.



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# Puppy School

Helping your pup to learn in a safe and happy environment



# What is Puppy School?

Puppy school is a class for you and your puppy. It consists of 1-hour group sessions run over 5 consecutive weeks.

Puppy school sessions are all about socialisation and helping your pet understand how they should behave in this world. It's also a fantastic way to get them used to the vet clinic so it's a place of fun, not fear.

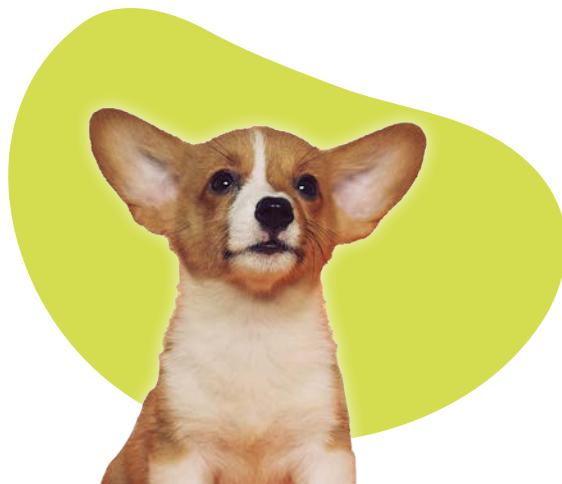
All classes are run in a fun, safe, non-threatening and rewarding way (both for you and your puppy!).

## Are there any Puppy School requirements?

Yep, but only a few.

### Your puppy must be:

- + 8-12 weeks (ideally, so start and finish within your pet's key socialisation period.)
- + vaccinated (just the initial ones).
- + equipped with a collar and lead.



# What will my puppy learn?

- + How to socialise and interact with other dogs & people.
- + How to read other dogs' body language.
- + Basic commands ie sit, stay, drop, recall.
- + Will become familiar with the vet clinic.

# What will I learn?

- + Basic training techniques ie sit, stay, drop, recall, mat training.
- + How to communicate effectively with your dog.
- + How to read canine body language.
- + Guidance about child and puppy interaction.
- + Advice about problems ie mouthing, barking, jumping.
- + Grooming & health care information.
- + Diet & exercise advice.
- + Toilet training tips.



# Why do it?

We could easily tell you why we think Puppy school is a great idea ... but how about we let a few past participants do so instead?

**Benefits for Sunny:** "Puppy school helped Sunny associate going to the vet with something positive and fun - not just injections and thermometers!"

**Benefits for herself:** "I felt I was on the right track with training Sunny, but it was great to have it confirmed by the teacher. It was also good to be able to ask silly questions in a supportive environment and discover that other participants had similar issues too".

*Gillian (fur parent) & Labradoodle, Sunny*

**Benefits for Benny:** "Benny learnt how to socialise with other dogs and people but also commands that benefit him and his people. Thanks to puppy school, Benny now understands to stop and sit before crossing a road."

"We noticed Benny chewing things especially shoes, even though he had all the toys under the sun. Our trainer suggested we keep his toys in a tub, rotating them daily or weekly so he didn't get bored and go looking for other things, like shoes! It worked really well as he's stopped chewing and dragging shoes away so I'm not forever running around trying to find everyone's footwear!"

**On training:** "One thing we were told is not to practise for longer than 5 minutes at a time as pups get easily distracted. Just twice a day worked best for us."

"It's great for people who work all day and don't necessarily have the time to sit down with their pup for extended periods. The information you gain from the four weeks can be used throughout your pup's lifetime."

*Maddison (fur parent) & Labrador, Benny*