

# 6 Week Puppy Training Course – Syllabus

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## Week 1 – No Dogs (Owner's only)

- Puppy Foundation Award
- Breed Traits and Tendencies
- Diet and Behaviour
- Your Dog's Needs
- House Training
- Play Biting
- How Dogs Learn
- Training Techniques
  - Associations
  - Repetitions
  - Lure and Reward
- Prepare for next class:
  - List of items to bring
  - How to settle puppy on bed

## Week 2

- Settle on the bed
- Focus and attention exercises:
  - Name Response
  - Eye Contact
  - Lure and Reward
- Sit
- Stand
- Down
- LLW: Getting into heel position
- LLW: Equipment (halti's, gencons etc.)
- Handling/Grooming/Nail Clipping

## Week 3

- Settle on the bed
- Recap:
  - Sit, stand and down without food lure (just hand signal)
- Food bowl exercise
- Discuss resource guarding
- LLW: Start taking steps
- Greeting people without jumping up:
  - On street
  - In home (arriving home)
  - Visitors to the home
- Settle position

## Week 4

- Settle on the bed
- Recap:
  - Quick health check
  - Sit, stand, down, settle without food lure (just hand signal)
  - Food bowl exercise
- Take it/Leave it from hand/floor
- Wait (returning to the dog)
- Begin Recall
- Advanced loose lead walking with distractions

## Week 5

- Settle on the bed
- Recap:
  - Sit, stand, down and settle without hand lures
  - Take it/Leave it
- Wait at the gate
- Avoiding separation anxiety
- Stay
- Advanced recall - through distractions
- Advanced loose lead walking outside
- Meeting dogs on lead – body language and calming signals
- Discuss importance of continued socialisation and training and discuss follow on classes

## Week 6

- Settle on the bed
  - Drop command
  - Recall Progression from distractions
  - Progress take it/leave it: flying food and withholding cue
  - Anything else
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