

Get ready for your private class

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Schedule private classes by calling 407-415-6601, emailing bestpaw@bestpaw.com or at <https://bestpaw.com/sign-up>

In-home private sessions available for friendly dogs (dogs with social issues must come to Osteen site).

Suggested times listed on class schedule page or appointment calendar. Advance appointment & payment for first hour required.

Entire family welcome

Have ready at your home:

- Your friendly dog, hungry & rested
- Vaccine or titer records (vet receipt is fine) or send online
- Treats – see details below.
- Dogs must be clean, healthy, free of parasites such as fleas, ticks etc.

No full dog tummies for class!

- Morning or afternoon class: no breakfast until after class
- Evening class: light breakfast before 9 a.m.; no other food until after class
- Shy or nervous puppy young than 6 months old (older shy or nervous do private sessions in Osteen): no food for 24 hours before first session
- Provide fresh water at all times for your dog (or for young pup you may pick up water at bedtime)
- No need to withhold water before any classes nor usually at any other time. Severely restricting water can lead to both physical & behavioral issues.

Prepare your great treats for every class

- 3-4 different items, high-protein special treats such as all-meat or low-fat hot dogs, cheese; cooked boneless chicken, meat like drained lean ground beef or fresh liver (cheaper and healthier than most dog treats). Use these soft high-value treats cut into tiny bits (puffed rice to frozen pea size) or in chunks that can be easily ripped apart during class
- Avoid most commercial dog treats, especially those with lots of sugar, chemicals or grains, or any artificial sweeteners.
 - 1 lb. or more for medium to large dogs
 - 12 oz. or more for small to medium dogs
- Something novel & exciting that pup does not get at home already
- In easy-open/easy-close dog treat pouch, treat bag, carpenter/kitchen apron with pockets, easy-open sturdy plastic food container
- Plastic baggies containing treats NOT ALLOWED

TRAINING EQUIPMENT

- Safe equipment required at all sessions (included with first Basic Manners & Detour Doggie Delinquents programs).

- Secure leash & **snug-fitting** collar for private class

Private class for pups under 18 weeks old

- Buckle or snap collars
- *Leather (available from Best Paw Forward Inc.) or soft nylon leashes. Leather recommended (used by most dog trainers, including us, worldwide), especially for pups already pulling hard. We have some at great prices to save time – you are not required to purchase ours. **Chain & extendable leashes prohibited.**
- Best Paw Forward Inc. head collar highly recommended for pups already pulling hard

Friendly older pup or adult dog collar & leash strongly advised, possibly required, suggestions, including one of the following collar choices:

- **snug-fitting buckle or snap collar**
- Best Paw Forward Inc. head collar
 - For easy, gentle control of dogs new to our program
 - To ensure that dogs cannot slip away, not for leash corrections
 - Great choice for dog or puppy that's pulling hard
 - Walks improve quickly
 - Dog wears regular collar with tags as well as head collar – they work quite well together
 - Talk to us about how to work with a dog who is uncomfortable with strangers closely examining the fit. Snug-fitting buckle collar may be best for orientation or private session in that case
- Thin, **all-nylon slip collars** available from Best Paw Forward Inc. or online
- Tight-fitting **all-nylon limited choke/slip collars** or online
- *Leather leash, 4' long, no wider than. 5/8" (available for purchase from Best Paw Forward Inc.)

When dog is wearing a slip collar or limited slip, all other collars must be removed.

Harnesses are rarely approved for private sessions because dogs often back out of them. Call to discuss equipment if needed

What you should wear

- Comfortable clothing
- Non-skid shoes such as tennis or athletic shoes
- No sandals nor flip flops
- Pockets are a big plus!

Mileage is calculated from the Best Paw Forward Inc. home office
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- * **Best leash for all ages: 4' to 6' leather**, easy to hold, handmade latigo. Cotton leashes allowed
 - \$26 plus tax for 5/8" by 4'
 - No wider than 5/8" for medium to large dogs, 1/2" for most smaller dogs.
 - We use, sell & recommend handmade HMI's locally hand-made leather leashes
 - HMI leashes available in variety of lengths, widths & styles at prices that meet or beat other local sources and most online
 - Why no nylon leashes for older pups & dogs? Come in pretty colors but can hurt hands if dog pulls on leash
 - **Private or orientation class:** Call/text us to bring extra sizes to see what works for you