

## Get ready for PuppyLove or Basic Manners orientation (first class of your series) or private class (advanced levels of obedience, agility, rally, conformation etc. too)

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In-home private sessions available for friendly dogs. Regular at-your-site prices apply

### PuppyLove or Basic Manners ORIENTATION

- Makes it possible to start right away
- Not available during regular series times
- Included free for registered students 11 a.m. Mon., 4:30 p.m. Wed. or 6:30 p.m. Thurs. (other times require additional \$35 fee & advance payment)
- Is your first class
- Schedule orientation, small group & private classes: <https://bestpaw.com/sign-up>
- **IMPORTANT!** PuppyLove pup only needs one puppy shot before starting classes – don't miss out by starting too late

Print/follow directions to Osteen site from web page or from our e-mails.

GPS & mapping programs sometimes have serious routing errors – just use to generally confirm our directions. Always change route to **avoid Boy Scout Camp Road** (unless you live in that area and know how to navigate suck-your-tires-down sugar sand).

Bring to first class:

- Your dog, hungry (no full dog tummies for class, orientation, workshops!)
  - Bring rested dog – no long walks, play dates, exercise workouts before Best Paw Forward Inc. class
  - Morning class or early afternoon: no breakfast until after class
  - Late afternoon or evening class: light breakfast before 9 a.m.; no other food/treats until after class
  - Very shy or nervous dog: no food for 24 hours before first session – might need Detour Doggie Delinquent programs depending on age and other details
  - Provide fresh water at all times for your dog - no need to withhold water before any classes nor usually at any other time
- Vaccine or titer records (vet receipt is fine) or send online
- **Bring GREAT treats to every class, including orientation** (treats at home will be mostly dry dog food)
  - 3-4 different items, cooked high-protein special treats - boneless chicken, all-meat or low-fat hot dogs, drained lean ground beef, cheese, lunch meat, liver, chicken gizzards (cheaper and healthier than most dog treats)
  - Cut these soft, high-value, healthy treats into puffed-rice to frozen-pea size, or in larger chunks that can be easily ripped apart during class

- Program designed to prevent or fix begging dogs
- 1-2 lbs. or more for medium to large dogs
- 12 oz. or more for small to medium dogs
- NO dog treats, especially those that are full of sugar, artificial sweeteners, chemicals, grain
- Something novel & exciting that pup does not get at home already
- In easy-open easy-close dog training treat pouch, treat bag, carpenter/kitchen apron with pockets, easy-open plastic containers that fit into pockets
- Plastic baggies containing treats **not allowed** because dogs HAVE swallowed the plastic bags, and because the slippery plastic slows down your response time

Dogs must be clean, healthy, free of parasites such as fleas, ticks etc.

Entire family welcome for most programs

- especially PuppyLove, Basic Manners, private sessions for friendly pups & dogs
- Two adults if possible, please, in each family with children younger than age 5
- Children must remain with parents or guardians at all times

## **DETOUR DOGGIE DELINQUENTS**

Dogs 19 weeks (early teenagers) or older with social issues must come to Osteen site

Young children may not attend group sessions with shy, nervous, dominant, possessive, territorial, protective or aggressive dogs.

Youngsters may come to private sessions with advance permission, advance registration & payment, and at least two attending adults completely responsible for the safety of attending family & friends

## **TRAINING EQUIPMENT**

- Safe equipment required at all sessions (details for each class level below)
- Secure leash & **snug-fitting** collar for friendly dogs in private or orientation class
- Best leash for all ages: 4' to 6' leather, easy to hold, no wider than 5/8", handmade latigo, *\$22 plus tax for 5/8" by 4' (part of training equipment package included free with Basic Manners advance registration). No wider than 5/8" for medium to large dogs, 1/2" for most smaller dogs*
- **No** harnesses nor extendable leashes allowed on dogs in any classes. Feel free to contact us for any clarification.

**PUPPYLOVE** (8-18 weeks old at orientation) **or private class for pups under 18 weeks old**

- Buckle or snap collars

- Leather or soft fabric leashes. Leather recommended (and used with our own dogs), especially for pups already pulling hard. Instructors more often demonstrate with class dogs on leather leashes which are easier & safer for holding onto wiggly pups.
- Pup already pulling hard? **Now available: BPF easy-buckle head collars**

**BASIC MANNERS** dogs (older pups & adult dogs) Your \$30-\$50-value training equipment package, including a handmade latigo leather leash, is free. Your instructor will choose which collar works best for your dog when using our gentle, effective methods. You may also see our special-feature leashes at great prices. (Same equipment available at great prices in private sessions for friendly pups & dogs.)

**With the right dog-friendly, handler-friendly collars & leashes:**

- Walks can improve quickly.
- Enjoy easy, gentle control of pups & dogs new to training, or long-time serious pullers
- Ensure that dogs cannot slip away (not for leash corrections)
- Dog wears regular collar with tags as well as some of our collars – the two work quite well together, and make it easier to go back down to regular snap or buckle collars later
- We will help you fit and work with a dog who is uncomfortable with strangers closely examining the fit. A leather leash and snug-fitting buckle collar may be best for orientation or a private session in that case.

Regular collars can remain on dog when using the right head collars. When using a nylon slip collar or limited slip, all other collars must be removed.

**No** chain nor partial chain collars allowed in beginning nor agility classes

**No** wide collars attached to leash for any dog that pulls on leash

Occasionally, for friendly smaller dogs or dogs that do not pull on leash around distraction, we may allow snug-fitting buckle or snap collars & leash variations. We reserve the right to require safe, easily handled equipment at any & all sessions.

**Female dogs in season** may not attend Basic Manners – 3 extra weeks will be added to their series. They are still welcome in advanced sessions at owners' discretion with owners' careful management.

**WHAT YOU SHOULD WEAR**

- Comfortable casual clothing appropriate for both outdoor and indoor training
- Non-skid shoes such as tennis or athletic shoes
- **No sandals nor flip flops**
- Pockets are a big plus!

**CELL PHONES, PAGERS**

- Turn off internet connections, notifications during class

- Mute phones, tablets, pagers during class
- Please do take pictures and video to share with us for class credit – talk to your instructor about downloads
- Let your instructor know about a special need to leave one on during class, or if you are filming/shooting pictures to share.
- Step at least 20 feet away from an outdoor class in Osteen if you must take an emergency call during a class.

**If your dog has serious social or noise issues, please register for Best Paw Forward Inc.'s Detouring Doggie Delinquents private sessions, or for DDD small-group workshops & growl classes when available.**

**Inclusive programs - work study available so all who appreciate logical, thorough, gentle, friendly programs can afford to train their dogs, and those so inclined help keep the program thriving!** We love students who exchange their help or barter items for discounted group sessions and workshops. Details available at <https://bestpaw.com/discount-opportunities>

**Discounts available with completed class registration form sent in advance, payment before first session:**

BPF Continuing/Returning Students

Reputable breeders & their pups

Seniors

Multiple dogs in household

Experienced trainers

Service dogs, service dogs in training

Veterinary staff

Essential personnel, including law enforcement, firefighters, military, Coast Guard, medical personnel, teachers, mental health counselors

**CLASS POSTPONEMENT** Rare class cancellation announcements posted on web page, voicemail machine and Facebook. Rainy, cold or hot weather will not affect our return to some indoor classes – most still outside under cover. Provisions in place to work around those conditions