

Get ready for your private class

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Schedule private classes: <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. Appointment & payment for first hour required.

Entire family welcome

Have ready at your home:

- Your 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 dog: no food for 24 hours before first session
- Provide fresh water at all times for your dog
- No need to withhold water before any classes nor usually at any other time

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). 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 dog treats for this first session, especially those that are sugar-heavy, chemical-laden, grain-filled.
 - 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 treat pouch, treat bag, carpenter/kitchen apron with pockets, food container
- Plastic baggies containing treats **not allowed**

TRAINING EQUIPMENT

- Safe equipment required at all sessions.
- Secure leash & **snug-fitting** collar for private class

Private class for pups under 18 weeks old

- Buckle or snap collars

- *Leather or soft nylon leashes. Leather recommended, especially for pups already pulling hard (we have some at great prices – you are not required to purchase ours, especially for a private session). Chain & extendable leashes prohibited in beginner level private in-home class.
- **Gentle Leader or Snoot Loop head collar highly recommended for pups already pulling hard.

Friendly older pup or adult dog collar & leash suggestions:

- **snug-fitting buckle or snap collar**
- thin, **all-nylon slip collars**
- **all-nylon limited choke/slip collars**
- **Gentle Leader or Snoot Loop** head collars
- *Leather leash, 4' long, no wider than. 5/8" (available for purchase from Best Paw Forward Inc.)

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

Harness must be fitted snugly so dog cannot back out of it.

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. Sports Club, Home Office
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* **Best leash for all ages: 4' to 6' leather** or cotton, easy to hold, handmade latigo

- \$22 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 (same price for at least 20 years!).
- 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:** We can check leashes there to see what is working for you.

****Gentle Leader or Snoot Loop** head collars

- Available online, at some big pet supply chains (the brand does matter – don't give in on other brands)
- 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 can improve quickly.
- Dog wears regular collar with tags as well as head collar – the two work quite well together.
- Talk to us about how to work with a dog who is uncomfortable with strangers closely examining the fit. A snug-fitting buckle collar may be best for orientation or a private session in that case.