

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).

While Covid-19 is still an issue, classes away from the Osteen home base will be conducted outside of private homes. Please contact us about other options if that is difficult at your location.

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.