Puppy Boot Camp

 **Why would you want that?**

**You'd love a well-mannered puppy from day one at home.** You want a smooth transition bringing a puppy into your home; a puppy that knows what behavior is allowed and what behavior is not. Most importantly***, you*** need to be trained, as well, or else your puppy will train you. A cute adorable puppy needs house rules immediately once in their new home. A routine must be learned starting on day 1.

**It’s the puppy's family that need to be trained** alongside the puppy being trained. A puppy that is socialized, pre trained with early intervention of "respect" towards humans, is always a better beginning. Less puppy stress, less people stress, make for a smoother transition into a new home.

**You are bringing home a family member**, not just a dog. A well mannered puppy matures into a well mannered doodle. Happy family + happy doodle = family member...Happy Breeder!

**If you have never had a puppy before or "want to do it right", this time.** There are many thing to know about bringing a puppy into your home This is not a baby or a young child. You must be firm, consistent as well as giving positive reinforcement for positive behavior. Age appropriate rules and expectations with lots of love and praise.

**If you have a special needs family member at home or young children.** If puppy is allowed to be a puppy too long that cuteness will get out of hand very quickly. Weeks or months of no rules or routines will make teaching the puppy manners and respect toward people very difficult.

**If you plan to get your puppy certified to be an EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, THERAPY, MEDICAL ASSIST or SERVICE dog.** Certification of an animal is primarily going to be based on behavior, manners and socialization. To me, that all starts way before a puppy leaves the breeder, and the continuation of that socialization in its new home.

**What is included?**

1) Puppy is kept with me until 8 weeks, 9 weeks, or 10 weeks depending on selected package.

2) Puppy has an additional week(s) of socialization, training and crate training.

3) Puppy is more mature and ready for a new home, new routine, new family.

4) Family visitations are allowed to bond with puppy before taking home after pick is done.

 5) Individual 3+ hour family training with their puppy, one on one, with me day of pick up.

 6) Explanations as to why puppy health, nutrition, leash training, sitting calmly, claiming household/individual family items from puppy, no jumping on people; no nipping, no biting or scratching, is imperative. All taught to owners so not to happen.

 7) Individual family schedule discussed to insure successful house training.

 8) Teaching techniques, I believe work in getting your puppy to understand and to comply.

 9) Explaining things PEOPLE do/do not do, that aid to unwanted older puppy/adult dog behavior.

10) You are investing in a quality puppy, a family member. Knowing what to do as well as what not to do will make for a smoother transition into your life. If you feel you need help, I am here for you.

**Why does this cost extra? How does it work?**

This training is above and beyond what a breeder does. Education, and a strong foundation, together, is what makes anything better, stronger. The ease and desire to learn more, lifelong core behavior that is learned early, to me puppy/people training is a must. No need to end up in the emergency room with your puppy from ingesting foreign objects, putting up with bad habits puppy learned from having no rules as a puppy, no need to put up with nipping, biting or scratching.

Many, if not most, are referrals from previous owners, primarily because of behavior and maturity of their puppy. You choose if you need guidance with training. People not choosing this package will be expected to take puppy home at 8 weeks of age, with no visitation or training. All puppies receive preliminary training. A 3-4 hour family training is done day of taking puppy home. One-hour visits with appointment after pick is done. Limited to 2 visits in winter months, since most people want to come on weekends. During the warm months, visits are not so limited, it is then families can be outside on the deck, in the front yard, in the gazebo and in the backyard. Puppies should not be out in the cold too long, especially when under 10 weeks for more than a few minutes.

**NOTE:** All puppies, like children, will vary in temperament. Some will be easier than others in the "training department", now and then there will be a challenging one. Some will mature faster, some will catch on faster, some will TEST more! Be patient, consistent and keep calm if your sweet puppy seems a bit defiant. All pups need ample time to vent energy outside.

It is PEOPLE that need to be trained. Trained, educated people train puppies. Trained puppies are true family members. Doodles that are true family members know their place and know what to do when. Well mannered puppies are a joy to have, they grow into respectful adult doodles one can be proud of.

Training Packages

Silver Package: $400.00

Puppy is taken home at 8 weeks of age.

Family has a 2-3 hour training with breeder and new puppy.

Puppy goes home with a collar, leash and a blanket.

Gold Package: $550.00

Puppy stays with breeder until 9 weeks of age.

Family has a 3+ hour training with breeder and new puppy.

Puppy goes home with a collar, leash, blanket, marrow bone, bandana and a certificate of training

One family visit allowed before pick up for bonding purposes.

Puppy is socialized with my adult dogs, older and younger puppies. Puppies are well mannered.

Platinum Package: $650.00

Puppy stays with breeder until 10 weeks of age.

Family has 3-4 hours of training with breeder and new family.

Puppy goes home with a collar, leash, blanket, marrow bone, harness, bandana, and certificate of training.

Two family visits allowed before pick up for bonding purposes.

Puppy is socialized and interact in a different way every day, puppy is now very well mannered.

ZOOM video appointment(s) available for any guidance needed as puppy ages.

Additional Training: $100/hr

Sometimes families just need to come back for a little extra training! Focus is on topics/ issues of your choice.

The longer a puppy stays with me, the more it learns on a daily basis. More maturity sets in as it ages. Every extra week it is here with me, the more it learns, the more that training 'sticks". Early intervention and socialization are key for a well mannered puppy. There is a huge difference between a well mannered puppy and a puppy that has not had any structure regarding being respectful towards humans. Now add training the family and you have a great start to a strong foundation of manners and respect. You want a family member not just a dog, right?

Puppies cannot see clearly or hear until they are 2- 1/2 weeks old. Teeth come in at 4 weeks of age and will be with their mother until weaned at 4-1/2 weeks of age.

**4 weeks:**  No rules or real expectations, just lots of love helping adjust to out of whelping room life. Puppies are split 50-50 into two crates. Acclimating to bath routine, open spaces, walking on different textures, learning traction and using motor skills, adjusting to everyday noises and cooler environments. Puppies still in huddle-mode as they gain independence one by one.

**5 weeks:** Early intervention and socialization begins. Puppies are getting use to not having mom around and are crated 3 in a crate. Puppies coming out of huddle-mode, but still do not venture far from each other. Sleeping a lot and are just starting to be running around.

**6 weeks:** Early intervention and socialization kicks in. Puppies learn stairs, not to nip or jump up on people, crated 2 in a crate and are on hard kibble. Learning to share bones and puppy chews, antlers, hooves, etc. so no food aggression develops. Puppies need to learn the difference between a sibling and human. Motor and cognitive skills emerge, grow and develop.

**7 weeks:** Socialization continues, puppies run up and down stairs and are now sleeping in their own crate. They have had 2-3 bath time experiences with blow dryer, both essential early in life needed for a puppy not to be traumatized by the grooming process. Big week for testing, learning to be gentle and respectful to us. Now just sleeping in their own crate.

**8 weeks:** Puppies can go to new home.

**Training packages I expect your puppy to know the following. Every extra week here with me, is added maturity and manners.**

No jumping up on children or adults. No nipping or play biting.

No stealing food off of plates. Sleeping quietly in their crate overnight.

Having "inside/outside" manners. Coming when called.

Learning "INVITE ONLY" furniture/your lap. OBSERVER not PARTICPANT of everyday temptations.

Walking calmly on a leash. No chewing on anything but what is allowed.

**Training packages I expect to train the family on the following:**

How to house train. How to command respect.

How to correct. Once. How NOT be a puppy enabler.

How to be ALPHA. Tough love, patience, consistency.