

## The Right Steps Class Prerequisites & Class Details:

(All Puppy & Dog Group Classes below are listed in Alphabetical Order)....



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**Adult Dog Basic Training Group Classes:** Is a Basic Group Training Class for Adolescent, Adult, and Senior Dogs 9 months and older. 6 Weeks are all at The Training Facility.

Week #1 without the dog is “highly” recommended for New Clients to the Right Steps. It is the introductory lecture to The Right Steps (runs approximately 1.5 to 2 hours), we go over positive solutions to problem behavior (example jumping, play biting, training, toy and exercise needs, and more), Week #1 Homework is discussed so dogs will be ready for the following Week #2, the first class with the dogs.

Basic Training Hand Signals and Cues are covered in this Class (Examples: Sit, Down from a Sit and from a Stand, Sit Stay, Down Stay, Recalls, Loose Leash Walking, Attention Walking/Heel, Leave It).

Classes are not appropriate for dogs with Dog/Dog or Dog/People Reactivity/Aggression Issues. Please see Class & Facility Rules for further details. Private Training is encouraged for aggression/reactivity issues, as Group Classes are not appropriate. If concerned, please address with us before signing up.

**Fee: \$185.00 for 6 weeks / Classes are 1 Hour Each / 6 dogs Maximum per Class.**

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**Advanced Classes:** Our Advanced Class is structured to begin to prepare students for the Canine Good Citizenship Test, working dogs on the side of our body versus in front of us to prepare for future dog sports, and working with increased distractions.

6 Weeks are at The Training Facility. All weeks are with the dog, no lecture.

**Prerequisite:** These Classes are only for The Right Steps Graduates of Surviving Puppyhood Classes, Surviving Adolescent Classes, or Adult Dog Basic Training Classes.

Examples of Course Structure: Increased Distractions when working on basic cues (Sit, Down from a Sit and from a Stand, Sit Stay, Down Stay, Recalls, Loose Leash Walking, & Attention Walking/Heel), Leave It, Sit/Stays & Down/Stays at Client’s Side while a stranger approaches and asks to pet your dog (goal is to hold the stay and not jump ultimately for handshakes and petting dog), calmly attention walk/heel towards another dog/client – people greet – then calmly pass, while attention walking/heeling add in at your side sits, sit then down, and downs from a stand, long line recalls, and emergency recalls.

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**Agility for Fun Classes:** These Classes provide handlers and puppies/dogs a chance to experience Agility Classes at a very basic and fun level with structure. Learn what agility is about. Classes are great for novices (both puppies/dogs and handlers) to begin learning from the very beginning (clicker work, shaping, learn benefits of tug with structure, leave it, strengthen basic cues, focus work, learn how to work and have fun as a team, impulse control, touch, and contact work) and get the feel of different types of equipment.

**Prerequisite:** These Classes are only for The Right Steps Graduates of Surviving Puppyhood Classes, Surviving Adolescent Classes, or Adult Dog Basic Training Classes (6 or 8 week).

Each Class set are 6 weeks. For students who want to continue on, the next 6 week session will pick up where the last one left off and continue to build on skills learned.

Great for the puppies/dogs to keep boredom at bay during the cold wet winter months or hot summer months! Agility is a perfect opportunity to have fun with your dog and bond. It is a fantastic way to help puppies/dogs build confidence. Classes strengthen basic cues, listening skills, and your timing.

We offer a variety of starter equipment (examples of what may be used: clicker, tire, 2 x 2 weave poles, wobble boards, table, travel boards, pivot boards, jumps, contacts, long boards, mini teeter, tunnels, chutes, etc.) to acclimate the puppies/dogs to as the weeks go by. All equipment will be set at very low levels to keep it safe for puppies/dogs of all ages. Great to help puppies/dogs become aware of their body and build confidence on and in different surfaces. Working on equipment is great mental and physical exercise and stimulation.

Classes are not appropriate for dogs with Dog/Dog or Dog/People Reactivity/Aggression Issues. Please see Class & Facility Rules for further details. Private Training is encouraged for aggression/reactivity issues, as Group Classes are not appropriate. If concerned, please address with us before signing up.

**Fee: \$185.00 for 6 weeks / Classes are 1 Hour Each / 5-6 puppies/dogs Maximum per Class.**

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**K9 Nose Work Classes:** These **Introduction to K9 Nose Work Classes, Continued K9 Nose Work Classes, Introduction to Odor, and Continued Odor K9 Nose Work Classes** are fantastic puppies/dogs of all ages (over 5 months of age to senior dogs). Although we encourage puppies/dogs have a basic knowledge of basic training cues, it is not required for these classes.

**Please Note:** These classes are open both to existing/past students of The Right Steps and to New Clients! For these K9 Nose Work Classes you may be coming to train with us for the first time or

have trained with us before, as there is no obedience and all about the fun and searches, these classes are appropriate for both.

**Small Class Sizes:** 4 Puppies/Dogs Minimum & Only 6-7 Puppies/Dogs Maximum. Our smaller Class sizes allow for more fun - Nose Work searches for each participant!

The 'K9 Nose Work Classes' are structured for puppies/dogs to use their nose and learn how to work without owner instruction. It creates a stress free working environment. See puppies/dogs confidence build with each search. Each set of Classes are 6 weeks. For students that continue on, the next set of classes will begin where the last one left off.

Beginning Classes Puppies/Dogs learn how to scent out their favorite treats or toys (whatever best motivates them/is the highest value reward).

Handlers learn how to read dogs body language of when on odor versus just being a dog, learn how odor works, how to trust their dog. Dogs learn how to tap into their natural hunting and survival skills, have a blast using their nose, and enjoy being rewarded by their handler. Fun for dogs fun for handlers.

Classes work as a support team for each other, celebrate each and every dogs wins, help each other to see what they see as dogs search (dogs body language, how to tell when dogs following odor, and when locate their source.), help each other have fun and success.

For those students who continue, eventually scenting is transferred over to how to scent for different types of Odors (Birch, Anise, & Clove), then the treat or toy become the reward for the final find.

Foundation searches are started in boxes. Taking the time to build a solid foundation and problem solving skills from the start is the most important step in K9 Nose Work to a strong future.

Examples of Different Levels/Types of Searches: Box Searches, Interior Building Searches, Exterior Building Searches, and Vehicle Searches. Each set of 6 weeks of classes start on basic box searches, then build to other types of searches. To cover all types/levels of searches continuing training classes are needed as there is a lot to learn to do Nose Work Searches properly, whether for fun for to one day to have goal in place to compete.

Dogs must be able to be crated comfortably (whether inside the Training Facility or inside your vehicle). Dogs not searching will be in crates at all times, out of the search area, until their turn. Owners are required to bring their own soft sided or wire crates to class. If questions regarding this policy please ask before signing up for these classes.

**K9 Nose Work Classes are Open for Dog/Dog Reactive Dogs:** For dogs with dog/dog reactivity issues these classes are carefully managed, so dogs may work and come/go without having to worry about other dogs at the same time. All dogs waiting for their turn will be crated outside, in their guardian's vehicles, for safely until okayed by Trainer to exit vehicle to enter the facility. Class times will be scheduled so outside temperature is cool enough, to safely have dogs await their turn, inside their locked vehicles. Dogs will enter through the front door and exit through the back door, dogs coming in may not enter until the inside dog has exited and door has closed. Safety is priority at all times! No dog/dog or dog/people socializing.

**However**, our K9 Nose Work Classes are **not** appropriate for dogs with a bite Aggression history (serious bite-Dog/People or Dog/Dog Aggression) Issues. Please address with us before signing up!

K9 Nose Work Classes are open to graduates of The Right Steps Puppy Classes, Adult Dog Classes, Private Lessons, and New Clients to The Right Steps (however it is the Clients responsibility to read and adhere to The Right Steps Class and Facility Rules). Any questions please ask before signing up.

### **Benefits:**

**#1:** These classes are a great way to make for very happy and mentally tired puppies and dogs!

**#2:** Great mental activity for those cold wet winter days &/or too hot to go outside summer days!

**#3:** Also a fantastic compliment to an existing Behavior Modification Program for reactive &/or shy puppies and dogs. Okay for physically challenged dogs (blind, deaf, old/senior dogs, physically limited, etc.). A great confidence builder for those shy puppies and dogs and a way for them to connect and bond with their family! A nice outlet for dogs who otherwise do not have any other options for fun!

**#4:** Learn how to read your dog's body language and how to start to understand odor.

**#5:** Our K9 Nose Work Classes allows for Reactive Dogs to participate! These classes will be carefully managed at our Inside Training Facility, so dogs may work without having other dogs in the Training Facility at the same time. All dogs waiting for their turn will be crated outside, in their guardian's vehicles, for safety until okayed by Trainer to exit vehicle to enter the facility. Class times will be scheduled so outside temperature is cool enough, to safely have dogs await their turn, inside their locked vehicles. Dogs will enter through the front door and exit through the back door, dogs coming in may not enter until the inside dog has exited and door has closed. Safety is priority at all times!

**Week #1 of 6 is Mandatory** for Students new to The Right Steps **&** past or existing students with The Right Steps. Week #1 of 6 may be with or without the dogs at discretion of the Trainer.

**Fee: \$185.00 for 6 weeks / Classes are 1.5 Hours Each / 6-7 puppies/dogs Maximum per Class.**

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**Surviving Adolescence Classes:** Now for puppies 4 months of age and older – Including Adult and Senior Dogs < Now = Surviving Adolescence & Back to the Basics for Adult Dogs>....

**These classes have been designed to help you obtain the best possible puppy!** The early months of life are crucial to your puppy's development, both physically and mentally. These classes focus on teaching puppy owners positive methods of getting the behavior they want. Classes are for all size and breeds of puppies (both mixed and pure bred and from toy, small, medium, large, to giant sized breeds). 6 puppies maximum per class.

**Please Note:** These Classes are now not only for adolescent puppies! They are also great for brushing up on the basics and quality fun bonding time for Adult and Senior Dogs, as well!

Owner education is provided on positive solutions to problem puppy behavior (examples: play biting, jumping, house training, leadership, learn what motivates puppies, and much more). Attention, eye

contact and name recognition form the base for teaching behaviors such as sit, come, stand, down (from a sit and from a stand), stay (both sit and down stay), walk on a loose leash, and heel. In class we use a "Reward Mark" (a word) in place of using a "Clicker". However, Clicker information will be provided to get students who are interested in Clicker Training started. Karen Pryor's New i-Click Clickers are available for sale at our Training Facility. Owners are educated on the importance of balancing a proper exercise program along with teaching their puppy how to chill (2 important pieces to a creating a puppy you, your family, and others can enjoy).

Training begins by using hand signals first, once puppy fully understands the hand signal and owners are standing in a normal upright position, verbal cues are then added. This enables owners to give their verbal cues once, versus repeat cues that the puppy would learn to ignore. We teach owners to be able to get and maintain their puppy's attention with distractions. Owners are taught how to use rewards (treats, toys, play, and praise) properly to motivate their puppy.

Classes are not appropriate for dogs with Dog/Dog or Dog/People Reactivity/Aggression Issues. Please see Class & Facility Rules for further details. Private Training is encouraged for aggression/reactivity issues, as Group Classes are not appropriate. If concerned, please address with us before signing up.

Week #1 without the puppy is "highly" recommended for New Clients to the Right Steps. It is the introductory lecture to The Right Steps (runs approximately 1.5 to 2 hours), we go over positive solutions to problem behavior (example jumping, play biting, training, toy and exercise needs, and more), Week #1 Homework is discussed so puppies will be ready for the following Week #2, the first class with the puppies.

**Fee: \$185.00 for 6 weeks / 6 puppies Maximum per Class / Classes are 60 minutes each.**

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**Surviving Puppyhood Classes:** For puppies 9 weeks of age to 16 weeks of age (9 weeks of age to 4 months of age).

**These classes have been designed to help you obtain the best possible puppy!** The early months of life are crucial to your puppy's development, both physically and mentally. These classes focus on teaching puppy owners positive methods of getting the behavior they want. Classes are for all size and breeds of puppies (both mixed and pure bred and from toy, small, medium, large, to giant sized breeds). 6-7 puppies maximum per class.

These classes include an optional 'complimentary' 15-20 minute off leash puppy playtime, for appropriately playing puppies. Positive play time/interaction is the goal. When warranted puppies may be pulled from the off leash play session, but remain in the paid Class time. On Leash Play may be substituted when warranted, to benefit the group as a whole. It is all about the positive experience/exposure to other puppies. These play sessions are encouraged, but are not required.

Owner education is provided on positive solutions to problem puppy behavior (examples: play biting, jumping, house training, leadership, learn what motivates puppies, and much more). Attention, eye contact and name recognition form the base for teaching behaviors such as sit, come, stand, down (from a sit and from a stand), stay (both sit and down stay), walk on a loose leash, and heel. In class we use a "Reward Mark" (a word) in place of using a "Clicker". However, Clicker information will be provided to get students who are interested in Clicker Training started. Karen Pryor's New I-Click Clickers are available for sale at our Training Facility. Owners are educated on the importance of

balancing a proper exercise program along with teaching their puppy how to chill (2 important pieces to a creating a puppy you, your family, and others can enjoy).

Training begins by using hand signals first, once puppy fully understands the hand signal and owners are standing in a normal upright position, verbal cues are then added. This enables owners to give their verbal cues once, versus repeat cues that the puppy would learn to ignore. We teach owners to be able to get and maintain their puppy's attention with distractions. Owners are taught how to use rewards (treats, toys, play, and praise) properly to motivate their puppy. The 20-25 minute off leash play time is encouraged to give puppies a chance to learn how to play appropriately, learn bite inhibition while playing, and help owners begin to see appropriate and not appropriate play. Puppies who play inappropriately &/or aggressively will be pulled from the play session if warranted.

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**Fee: \$185.00 for 6 weeks / 6-7 puppies Maximum per Class. / Classes are 45 minutes each plus a complimentary optional 20-25 minute off leash play time (encouraged but not mandatory).**

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**IMPORTANT:** Please contact us 'before' signing up and making payment if you have any questions &/or wish to come and watch a class before making a final decision to sign up for a class. We encourage you to contact us to schedule a time to come watch a class (without your dog), if you are unsure if The Right Steps is right for you and your dog, to help you make an educated decision.

The Right Steps is a positive training environment (no choke chains, no prong collars, no shock collars, no leash popping/corrections, or harsh corrections/hitting are allowed due to the positive methods we promote and use).

We want you to be excited and happy with your decision to be training with The Right Steps! Thank you in advance for your business.

