



Book Your Puppy in for Puppy Classes!

Congratulations on your commitment to raising a happy, healthy, well behaved dog. We hope you share a lot of joy with the latest member to your family.



What to Expect in Puppy Classes:

*The main purpose of puppy classes is to allow your pup to socialize with other pups. Your pup will spend a large part of class off lead, playing with other pups. Normal puppy play can be quite boisterous and noisy and often involves harmless play fighting.

*Some pups will show early signs of behavioral problems such as excessive dominance, aggression or tearfulness. Your instructor will be able to help you identify these problems and show you how to deal with them before they become more serious. How you react to your puppy's behavior is important. It is very important that you avoid reinforcing undesirable behavior, and reward good behavior. For example, if your puppy is timid, your instructor may advise you NOT to pick it up and hold it when it is being nervous.

*Each week the class will include a discussion of topics such as health care, canine behaviour, common puppy problems and responsible dog ownership.

* Each week the class will include a puppy training session. Your instructor will demonstrate techniques and you may be given a set of Puppy Training notes. The notes are a step by step guide to self paced training. The amount of progress you make with your training will be up to you. You will need to practice your training at home to gain the most benefit from the classes.

- >You may receive handouts to read and keep for future reference.
- >You will meet some of the staff from the veterinary clinic.
- >And finally, we hope you and your puppy will have fun!

Please Remember:

**Not to feed your pup 1-2 hours before class, it is not advisable to allow your pup to be too active on a full stomach.*

**Do not bring your pup to class if it is unwell.*

What to bring to classes:

- >Your puppy on a fixed buckled collar with a lead
- >Yourself! - due to space restrictions we ask that only 1-2 people with each puppy
- >Proof of vaccination if not done at Connolly Veterinary Hospital

Kids Welcome!