

Dear puppy owner-

Thank you for considering our Puppy Primer class. Because we allow puppies that do not have a Rabies vaccine, and only two of the three puppy vaccines, we sincerely hope you share the following with your veterinarian. They are the only ones that can help you make the best choices for your puppy's long term health, but they are also likely aware of this critical time in a puppy's life--socially, and behaviorally. You will be required to also get your puppy it's Bordetella, a clean fecal, and a flea/tick preventative in order to participate. Please let your veterinarian know the following...

Our puppy primer is meant to prevent long term, sometimes permanent behavioral issues due to a lack of proper socialization to humans, dogs, and other animals. We expect to help our clients raise well adjusted, friendly, confident dogs who can handle new experiences and allow other people to handle them for veterinary care, grooming, boarding, and competitions.

All dogs over 5 months are required to have a full set of core vaccines, Bordetella, Rabies, a clean fecal, and be on a flea/tick preventative before entering our building, and they must maintain that in order to continue each year.

We have a strict cleaning protocol of washing floors and other exposed areas twice daily. Midday and after hours. We use Kennelsol or comparative products and follow the ratios to water from the original container. Owners are expected to clean up their puppy's accidents with our Kennelsol mixture, or the equivalent. Our fenced, secured yard is disinfected daily, except in severe weather conditions.

We take puppy rearing seriously. We are mindful of fear periods, and opportunities for play. It's not just a free for all, we match up a couple at a time, while the others take a rest on their owners laps, or are distracted by other opportunities. We encourage children (well behaved, quiet, and gentle) to accompany their parents providing they can listen and not frighten the puppies.

We encourage owners to bring in new, novel, and easily disinfected items for puppies to explore if the puppies choose to. It might be a dry Chamomile teabag in a small container full of holes, a crazy hat, a small statue, various toys, surfaces, and household objects. Always the puppy's choice.

Finally, it is a support group for weary owners. Raising puppies is not for the faint of heart if you are doing it right. We will go over potty training, crating, chewing, and all the other things most people have forgotten since the last time they raised a puppy ;-)

If you have questions that relate to the care and training of your client's puppy, the cleanliness of our studio, or the methods we use in shaping young puppy lives, please feel free to check out our website, or email us for more information.

Sincerely,

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