



## Class Orientation Outline – Puppy/Beginning

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### Introductions

- History, type of training we use

### Be a Responsible Pet Parent

Learn to “talk dog” by reading your dog’s body language and learning about calming signals

- Build a bond with your dog:
  - Training offers guidance and trust
- Exercise and mental stimulation
- Importance of socialization
- Supervision and management
  - Crate training
- Training:
  - Reward based training pairing with positive associations. Reward Markers: “Yes” Training. Rewards: Food, toys, interactions with you, natural jackpots.
  - Punishment- When you need the extra management
  - Ways to elicit a behavior: Luring, catching, molding. (Avoid morphing the behavior)

### Homework Demo

Only say the command once!

- Easy
- Name game
- Watch
- Sit
- Recall (come)
- Collar grabs

### What to Bring

- Plenty of treats (a variety)
- Regular collar with a 4- to 6-foot leash
- treat pouch
- Chew/Kong and a toy
- Water, if your dog needs it

### Class rules/management

- Don’t feed your dog’s meal right before class; limit meals with training!
- Exercise helps for a more focused dog in class.
- Take your dog potty before coming to class- respect the neighbor’s!
- Wear comfortable suitable clothing and closed toed shoes.
- Be respectful, please turn off cell phones.
- Door opens 5 minutes before class. If you’re late, please enter quietly and wait for instructions.
- Children are more than welcome to participate in training with assistance. If they are not involved, they must remain seated quietly.
- Dogs will be extremely excited next week, begin working on training as soon as you get seated
- Dogs are not to interact during class for everyone’s comfort and safety – “personal bubble”
- Missed classes – sorry, no make-up classes; homework is at [happygoluckydog.com/homework](http://happygoluckydog.com/homework)