A happy, well-behaved and good natured dog is a joy to live with. Achieving this starts early on. Your puppy will look for leadership and be keen to learn and please as soon as they leave their mother.

Be ready to embrace this exciting time with calm, positive encouragement and clear communication. If you can, join a puppy class and your puppy will start to learn good manners, acceptable social skills and strengthen their bond with you by finding a respectful way to understand and please you.

We welcome puppies of all breeds generally from around 14 weeks of age (sometimes earlier); ensure your veterinary centre has administered your dog's initial vaccinations and confirmed when they can safely mix in public places. We must see a valid record of vaccination on the first lesson.

Our Puppy School classes are run in conjunction with <u>The Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog</u> Scheme Puppy Foundation Assessment

which aims to provide a means of socialising puppies and to lay down a foundation for education and training. No part of the class is competitive and assessments are carried out in a relaxed and informal manner.

Each class will include a maximum of 10 puppies and is typically 6 weeks long covering;

Heelwork : How to walk puppy on the lead in a calm, controlled manner when asked Attentiveness to name: Ensuring puppy responds attentively to its name Play with puppy : With and without appropriate toys and under control puppy engages in play : How to get your dog to return to you with some distractions Puppy recall Basic puppy positions: & Greeting Mannées ercises such as getting your dog to sit and go down on : Short stay laying foundation for future longer stays Puppy stay Take article away from: pluppy o get puppy to give up an article when required Responsibility and careCleanliness, identification, handling and inspection to maintain health : With other puppies, adult dogs, people, noise distractions & moving objects Socialisation : How to show puppy to calmly take and leave food Food Manners What to expect as your byppy growspment and behavioural milestones, understanding importance

Please check our <u>Events Calendar</u> to find out when the next course begins.