



## Wellingborough Dog Training Club

### **What to expect**

A puppy class will be a group of a maximum of 8 dogs. Two classes are held on Tuesdays each week - 6.30 & 7.30. A Bronze Class will be a maximum of 10 dogs. One class is held on Wednesdays at 7pm.

### **Is the Puppy Class for Puppies only?**

No, These classes are a Puppy foundation course. It covers the basic commands and socialisations skills, which can benefit slightly older dogs that require further attention.

### **How much and how long is the course?**

Both Puppy Classes and Bronze Classes are 8 week courses and total cost is £20 non refundable deposit paid on registration, then the remaining £60 is payable on the first night of the course. Total payable of £80.

### **What happens if I miss a class?**

The course cannot be extended as at week 8, an assessment is completed for all.

We try to accommodate any missed classes by adding any demonstrations or updates on the Whats App group, so training can continue at home.

### **Can friends or family members come along?**

We welcome support from family and friends, however due to limited space, we recommend only the necessary additional members to accompany you. If you feel the dog may be less interested in you and more towards the accompanying person, this may hinder your training.

### **Can training be completed by different people?**

We recommend that training should be consistent and the same commands are used. This can be done by different handlers, but the more this is restricted, the better the results. Note only one person can complete the final assessment.

### **What do I need to bring with me?**

- Small dogs (some large) prefer a mat for sitting on (cold floor)
- Smelly treats - not the same as used on normal days -make them excited for them
- Grooming tools (if any)
- Dog toy
- Vaccination card (if not provided at registration).
- Only if applicable - Any exemption certificates and proof of TP Liability.

**What type of leads are best for training?**

The recommended style to use whilst in training classes are a standard collar and standard lead (no extractable leads). Although harnesses are permitted, this does restrict the controls when teaching basic commands.

**What identification tags should be on the dogs collar?**

Owners name and address is compulsory (minimum house number and postcode), and phone number is suggested but is optional.

**What happens at the end of the course?**

Throughout the course, the skills will be demonstrated and practiced each week, covering the KC Kennel Club requirements (in addition to fun tricks and games).

On week 8, each exercise will be performed and the examiner will confirm this has demonstrated successfully. Once all exercises have been completed, a certificate and rosette will be presented.

**What happens following the assessment?**

Towards the end of the Puppy course, we will give an introduction to Bronze Classes.

At the end of the Bronze course, you will be advised of any other classes that are available to you (subject to full membership)

There will be a few exercises demonstrated at the next level and details will be given to encourage progression to the more advanced levels.

**Whatsapp Group**

Following registration, your contact number will be added to the class whats app group, created just for the class attendees of the session.

Each Puppy session will be updated with demonstrations from the trainers, and some videos of the class progress. This will help anyone who may have struggled to hear (over barking) or not fully seen the demo on the night, to review again at home and practice at your own time.

Watching back some of your own dogs, gives an insight of the progress that has been made over a few weeks.

**Continued Training after Course Completion**

On completion of the Puppy Foundation Course, you can continue your journey and advance your training to Bronze Award..

This class uses the foundations that have already been learned in the Puppy Foundation class, and progress to more advanced levels. Details of courses are located at KC Kennel Club website.

**Hoopers Training**

This is a low impact sport for your dogs and further details can be discussed with the classes.

**Agility Training**

Wellingborough Dog Training Club also offers Agility Training. These classes are very popular and can sometimes be full.

A taster session will be added to our FaceBook page when spaces are available.

Having completed Puppy Foundation or any other levels of obedience is always a benefit before joining Agility Classes (ensuring the dog is focused on you, wait and recall is a must).

