

PUPPY CLASSES



Why Puppy Class? Puppies begin learning at birth and their brains are particularly responsive to learning and retaining experiences that are encountered during their first 13 to 16 weeks. Your puppy can benefit from learning and socialization experiences with other puppies and dogs, with children and adults, and with various environmental situations during this optimal period of learning (Robert Anderson, DVM).

Early socialization and learning will lead to a well trained, socialized dog that is a joy to live with. Our classes will help you train, socialize, and communicate with your puppy. The training method is based on kindness and respect. We use positive reinforcement such as praise, toys, playtime or treats to motivate and reward correct behaviors. We welcome puppies age **8 to 16 weeks** (12 weeks being the latest to start puppy class) and current on Distemper and Bordatella vaccines and with negative result on fecal exam.

The Humane Society Offers Assistance with:

- Socializing
- House training
- Chewing
- Barking
- Biting
- Additional areas of concerns

Dates and Times:

- Thursdays - 6 pm (start date anytime)
- HSKC Training Center

COST:

\$50/puppy
\$40/puppy (if adopted from HSKC)

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS:

Owners are required to send proof of vaccinations for **Distemper, Bordetella & Rabies**. Fees are non-refundable one week prior to the first date of class.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

One week prior to the first date of class.

Please see www.hskc.org for dates and times.
See back for class description.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF KENT COUNTY - *Puppy Class Registration Form*

Class sizes are limited - reserve your space today!

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Dog's name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

Name of Veterinarian or Clinic: _____

Where did you hear about the class? _____

Have you been through an obedience class before? _____ If so, where? _____

Are you experiencing any specific behavior problem(s) you would like to address with us? _____

Desired Start Date: _____

(form continued on back)

Puppy Early Learning & Socialization Class • HSKC Training Center • Thursdays • 6 - 7 pm

Class is designed for puppies between the ages of **8 and 16 weeks** (12 weeks being the latest to start puppy class). Puppies will be socialized with other puppies and people to facilitate and promote socialization, positive experiences and learning throughout the 5 week class.

Topics Covered throughout 5-week Course:

- Puppy handling and body language
- Crate training/house training/training tools
- Good manners
- Target behaviors

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE CLASSES:

- **Leash:** 4 to 6 ft. leather, nylon or cotton leash. Do **NOT** use chain as it is too hard on your hands during training and is harder to give clear signals to your dog. Also please **NO** retractable leashes.
- **Collar:** Your choice, options will be discussed in class.
- **Treats:** Small treats that are well liked by your dog and easy to eat.

Please Note: Owners are required to send proof of vaccinations for **DHLPP, Bordatella & Rabies** with their registration form. A current Titer test is also acceptable. **Places in class can only be held if both payment and proof of vaccinations are received.**

Important: For the protection of your pet and others do not bring your dog to class if he has recently been sick (coughing, vomiting, diarrhea, mange, etc.). This is also true for female dogs in heat. Please leave the puppies at home, but you are encouraged to attend class so you can have the information to practice during the week.

Owners are responsible for their dog's messes outside the building. Clean up equipment is available or please bring your own plastic bags. Thank you for your consideration.

Children and young adults are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information please see www.hskc.org or contact our Puppy Class Instructor, Ashley Dahl @ (616) 453-8900 x 200.

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**Please mail your check, payable to “Humane Society of Kent County,” with this signed form to:
Humane Society of Kent County, 3077 Wilson NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534, Attn: Ashley Dahl**

In consideration of my enrollment in Humane Society of Kent County classes, I hereby agree to assume any and all liability for any real or personal loss or injury, property damage, or injury or damage to any dog, person, or property, which may be caused by the dog I bring to class. I further agree to assume any and all liability for any injury, sickness, or damage of any kind sustained by myself or the dog I bring to class. I further agree to assume any and all liability and hold harmless the instructors of the program and its landlords or sponsors from any such occurrence or liability. I further state that my dog is properly vaccinated.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____