



## Class schedule November-December 2022

**Registration opens Sunday October 30 at 3 pm on our website, [www.tiptoptails.com](http://www.tiptoptails.com).**

\*The schedule will not be fully posted until 3 pm. You may need to refresh your browser to see all available classes.\*

**Masks are recommended.** Social distancing will be observed.

Classes marked with an \* have an instructor who is medically unable to wear a mask.

### **Vaccination requirements**

Pups under 4 months old: first round of distemper/parvo (DAPP/DHPP), bordetella (kennel cough), negative fecal.

Pups and dogs over 4 months old: distemper/parvo (DAPP/DHPP), bordetella (kennel cough), rabies (when your vet recommends it). We accept titer testing for dogs that medically cannot be vaccinated; e-mail us after registration.

**Which class is right for your dog?** Review the descriptions and skill levels carefully. *If your dog barks a lot, growls, lunges or otherwise reacts strongly to people or dogs, contact us about individual lessons or Reactive Rover instead.*

**Questions** about how to sign up, class vs. lessons, vaccinations, fees and policies? Visit [www.tiptoptails.com/faqs/](http://www.tiptoptails.com/faqs/).

**Classes are held at** The Knoll, 1030 S. 8th Street, Kalamazoo.

### **Beginner classes for puppies under six months old and under 40 pounds**

**Puppy** is for puppies under six months old (toy breed dogs up to one year old) who are under 40 pounds at the start date. If your pup is a little over six months old but is under 40 pounds, you are welcome to enroll in Puppy class. Class covers attention and focus, sit, down, sit for petting, go to bed, and an intro to stay, leash walking, and come when called, plus topics like socialization, housetraining and crate training, and mouthing. \$140/four weeks.

Thursday at 6:15 pm with Courtney, November 10-December 8 (skip November 24)

\*Monday at 4:00 pm with Beth, November 14-December 12 (skip November 21)

\*Tuesday at 6:30 pm with Beth, November 15-December 13 (skip November 22)

\*Wednesday at 5:00 pm with Beth, November 30-December 21

**Puppy Day School** is a drop-off day training program open to puppies under six months old (toy breed dogs up to one year old) who are under 40 pounds at the start date. Pups over six months old must be spayed/neutered to attend school. School meets two days per week for four weeks and includes puppy play, good manners training, potty training, crate training, socialization experiences, and outings to dog-friendly stores to build confidence and practice skills in the real world. \$1,500 tuition includes a one hour individual lesson with you and your pup before school starts, eight days of drop-off school, and an individual lesson after school ends.

Tuesday/Thursday from 9:45 am-3:30 pm with Kelly and Matt, November 10-December 8 (skip November 24)

\* *Three spaces left! We recommend also registering for a Puppy class as a backup in case school fills up.\**

### **Beginner classes for puppies and dogs over six months old**

**Basic Manners** is for beginner pups and dogs over six months old with little or no prior training (beginner toy breed pups and shy pups should choose Puppy class if possible). This class covers attention and focus, sit, down, sit for petting, go to bed, and an intro to stay, leash walking, and come when called. \$175/five weeks. *\*If your dog is not ready for a group class, barks continuously, or exhibits fearful or aggressive behaviors, we will switch you to individual lessons or Reactive Rover.\**

Thursday at 7:30 pm with Courtney, November 10-December 15 (skip November 24)

Saturday at 11:00 am with Courtney, November 12-December 17 (skip November 26)

**Holiday Hound Manners** is open to pups and dogs of all ages and skill levels. Get ready for the holidays so your dog can greet guests politely without jumping, settle quietly on a dog bed while you eat dinner or watch a movie, and be calm around doors. \$140/four weeks.

Saturday at 1:30 pm with Courtney, November 19-December 17 (skip November 26)

***(Schedule continues on next page)***

## **Intermediate classes for puppies and dogs**

**Stay Focused** will help your dog develop focus and a reliable stay around distractions, including stay for greeting without jumping. **To enroll in this class**, dogs should already know how to sit and down on cue, and should be friendly to people and other dogs. \$140/four weeks.

\*Tuesday at 5:15 pm with Beth, November 15-December 13 (skip November 22)

**Beyond the Basics** is open to pups and dogs that have completed a puppy or beginner class. Class covers focus with distractions, loose leash walking, stays with added distance, duration and distractions, and reliable recalls. **To enroll in this class**, pups and dogs should already know how to sit and down on cue, and have started learning stay, leash walking and come when called. Dogs should be friendly to other dogs and people and should not exhibit resource guarding. \$140/four weeks.

Wednesday at 6:30 pm with Becki, November 30-December 21

**Obedience/Rally Skills and Drills** is open to dogs training at novice or intermediate level for obedience or rally. **To enroll in this class**, dogs should already know how to sit, down, stay, and walk on a loose leash. We will focus on proper heel position and the more intricate body movements needed to complete exercises commonly associated with competitive obedience and rally. Class includes an introduction to rally signs and short sequences. \$140/four weeks.

Wednesday at 7:45 pm with Becki, November 30-December 21

**Walk This Way** is for anyone whose dog pulls them down the street! Learn the essentials for loose leash walking and how to address pulling, pass people and dogs, and choose the right walking gear. **To enroll in this class**, dogs should already know how to sit and down on cue, and should be friendly to people and other dogs. \$140/four weeks.

Saturday at 12:15 pm with Courtney, November 19-December 17 (skip November 26)

**Holiday Hound Manners** (see description and schedule under Beginner classes).

## **Advanced classes for dogs**

**Canine Good Citizen Prep** is for dogs that are preparing for Canine Good Citizen or pet therapy testing. **To enroll in this class**, dogs should know how to sit, down stay, walk on leash, and come when called. Skills covered will be determined by student priorities, and may include sit/stay for petting, distance stay, heel with turns and distractions, heel and stay near another dog, come when called with distance, supervised separation, and appearance and grooming. CGC testing will be held on the last night of class. \$140/four weeks.

\*Tuesday at 4:00 pm with Beth, November 15-December 13 (skip November 22)

## **Fun stuff for dogs of all ages and skill levels**

**Trick Dog** is an awesome way to have fun and create great photo ops while building your dog's focus and confidence. Amaze your friends and confound your enemies with your dog's brilliance! \$140/four weeks.

\*Monday at 5:15 pm with Beth, November 14-December 12 (skip November 21)

## **Workshops for pups and dogs of all ages and skill levels**

**Jump Stops Here** is a workshop on greeting people without jumping. \$35/one hour.

Thursday November 10 at 5:00 pm with Courtney

Thursday December 8 at 5:00 pm with Courtney

**Come On! Reliable Recall** is a workshop on teaching your dog to reliably come when called. \$35/one hour.

Thursday November 17 at 5:00 pm with Courtney

**Leash Walking 101** is a workshop on loose leash walking and how to address pulling. \$35/one hour.

Thursday December 1 at 5:00 pm with Courtney

## **No South Haven classes this session**

We are working on an indoor location for winter classes in SoHa. Stay tuned!