



## Class schedule January-February 2023

**Registration opens Saturday January 7 at 4 pm on our website, [www.tiptoptails.com](http://www.tiptoptails.com).**

The schedule will not be fully posted until 4 pm. You may need to refresh your browser to see all classes.

**Masks are required for classes marked with a #.** The instructor has a family member undergoing chemotherapy. Masks are recommended for all other classes.

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

### **Vaccination requirements**

**Please make sure your dog has received the bordetella (kennel cough) vaccination.** Bordetella is not included with core puppy vaccinations, so check your vet records or ask your veterinarian. If your dog is not up to date before class starts, you may attend without your dog until their vaccinations are updated.

**Under 4 months old:** bordetella, first round of distemper/parvo (DAPP/DHPP), and negative fecal exam or in treatment and symptom free.

**Over 4 months old:** bordetella, distemper/parvo (DAPP/DHPP), and rabies when your vet recommends it. We accept titer testing for dogs that medically cannot be vaccinated; e-mail us a vet note after registering.

**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 and dogs under 40 pounds**

Open to beginner puppies who are both under 40 pounds and under one year old at the start date. Highly recommended for pups under six months old, toy breed pups, and shy pups.

### **Puppy Class**

Group class, owners attend with their pups. Max of eight pups per class. One hour per week.

Foundation skills like attention, sit, down, and intro to stay, leash walking, and come when called.

Topics like mouthing, socialization, housetraining, and crate training.

\*Monday at 4:00 pm with Beth, January 9-30, \$140/four weeks

\*Tuesday at 5:45 pm with Beth, January 10-31, \$140/four weeks

#Thursday at 6:15 pm with Courtney, January 12-February 16, \$200/six weeks, masks required (see above)

#Saturday at 12:45 pm with Courtney, January 14-February 18, \$200/six weeks, masks required (see above)

### **Puppy Play and Train**

Drop off day training and socialization class. Register for one date or multiple dates.

Pups must be under 40 pounds. *Pups over six months old must be spayed/neutered to attend play and train.*

Structured playtime to encourage appropriate interactions with other pups, socialization exercises to build confidence with new experiences, and basic training skills like sit and attention to you. \$100/day.

Tuesday from 11:45 am-3:30 pm with Kelly and Matt, January 10, January 31, February 7

### **Puppy Day School**

Drop off day training and socialization program. Four week/eight day program.

Pups must be under 40 pounds at the start date. *Pups over six months old must be spayed/neutered to attend school.*

Our innovative program includes good manners training, structured playtime for appropriate interactions with other pups, potty training, crate training, socialization exercises to build confidence with new experiences, and outings to dog-friendly stores to practice skills in the real world. Your pup will come home happy, well-behaved, and sleepy!

\$1,500 tuition includes eight days of school plus individual lesson before school starts and after school ends.

Tuesday and Thursday from 9:45 am-3:30 pm with Kelly and Matt, February 28-March 23

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

## **Beginner classes for puppies and dogs over 40 pounds**

Open to beginner pups and dogs over 40 pounds at the start date.

Toy breed pups and shy dogs should choose Puppy class if possible.

If your dog barks continuously or exhibits fearful or aggressive behaviors, we may switch you to individual lessons or Reactive Rover.

### **Basic Manners**

Foundation skills like attention, sit, down, and intro to stay, leash walking, and come when called. \$175/five weeks.

\*Tuesday at 4:30 pm with Beth, January 10-February 7

#Thursday at 7:30 pm with Courtney, January 12-February 9, masks required (see above)

#Saturday at 11:30 am with Courtney, January 14-February 11, masks required (see above)

### **Jump Stops Here**

Does your dog jump on everyone? Get strategies to set your dog up to greet people without jumping.

Dogs should already know how to sit on cue. Dogs must be friendly to people. \$70/two weeks.

#Saturday at 2:00 pm with Courtney, Feb 11-18, masks required (see above)

## **Intermediate classes**

Open to puppies and dogs of any age that have completed a puppy or adult beginner class or have equivalent at home training. Please read the individual descriptions for any additional requirements.

### **Stay Focused**

Get better focus around distractions, a more reliable stay, and strategies for greeting people without jumping.

Dogs should already know how to sit and down on cue, and should be friendly to other dogs and people.

\$140/four weeks.

\*Wednesday at 4:30 pm with Beth, January 11-February 1

### **Beyond the Basics**

For dogs that know all foundation skills and are ready to start training with distractions on skills like attention, leash walking, stays with added distance, duration and distractions, and reliably coming when called.

Dogs should be friendly to other dogs and people and should not exhibit resource guarding. \$200/six weeks.

Wednesday at 7:45 pm with Becki, January 11-February 15

### **Tavern Dog**

Feel confident bringing your dog to The Thirsty Hound and other dog-friendly establishments. Learn useful skills like table manners, leave it, polite greetings, and settling calmly when distractions are present. Dogs should be friendly to other dogs and people. \$140/four weeks.

#Saturday at 2:00 pm with Courtney, January 14-February 4, masks required (see above)

## **Advanced classes**

Open to puppies and dogs of any age who have completed a puppy or adult beginner class or have equivalent at home training. Dogs should know how to sit, down stay, walk on leash, and come when called, and have already started training with distractions.

### **Beyond the Backyard**

For dogs that reliably know foundation skills with distractions and are ready to level up.

Dogs should be friendly to other dogs and people and should not exhibit resource guarding. \$200/six weeks.

Wednesday at 6:30 pm with Becki, January 11-February 15

### **Canine Good Citizen Prep**

For dogs that are preparing for Canine Good Citizen or pet therapy testing. 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 7:00 pm with Beth, January 10-31

## **South Haven classes**

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