



Class schedule March-April 2023

***NEW* Registration opens Monday February 27 at 6 pm on our website, www.tiptoptails.com.**

The schedule will not be fully posted until 6 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/.

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, March 20-April 10, \$140/four weeks

*Tuesday at 5:45 pm with Beth, March 21-April 18 (skip April 11), \$140/four weeks

*Wednesday at 4:00 pm with Beth, March 22-April 12, \$140/four weeks

#Thursday at 6:15 pm with Courtney, March 9-April 13, \$200/six weeks, masks required (see above)

Saturday at 12:45 pm with Kelly, March 18-April 15 (skip April 8), \$140/four weeks

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 individual lesson, eight days of school, and follow-up lesson after school ends.

Tuesday and Thursday from 9:45 am-3:30 pm with Kelly and Matt, April 4-May 4 (skip April 20 and April 25)

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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.

#Thursday at 7:30 pm with Courtney, March 9-April 6, masks required (see above)

#Saturday at 11:30 am with Courtney, March 11-April 15 (skip April 8), 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 know how to sit and down on cue, and should be friendly to other dogs and people. \$140/four weeks.

*Tuesday at 4:30 pm with Beth, March 21-April 18 (skip April 11)

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, March 15-April 19

Fun stuff

Intro to Scent Work is for dogs that love to sniff! We'll use your dog's natural scenting abilities to learn how to locate a target odor. Dogs should be friendly to people and dogs and not reactive in a group setting. \$140/four weeks.

Wednesday at 6:30 pm with Becki, March 15-April 5

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.

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