



## Class schedule May-June 2023

**Registration opens Sunday April 30 at 2 pm on our website, [www.tiptoptails.com](http://www.tiptoptails.com).**  
The schedule will not be fully posted until 2 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.

### **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/).

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

**South Haven classes** are held outdoors at a private farm near Breedsville, address provided upon registration.

### **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 4:30 pm with Beth, June 5-June 26, \$140/four weeks

Tuesday at 5:45 pm with Beth, May 9-June 6 (skip May 30), \$140/four weeks

Tuesday at 5:45 pm with Beth, June 13-July 11 (skip July 4), \$140/four weeks

Wednesday at 4:00 pm with Beth, May 10-May 31, \$140/four weeks

Wednesday at 4:30 pm with Beth, June 7-June 28, \$140/four weeks

#Thursday at 6:15 pm with Courtney, May 11-June 15, \$200/six weeks, masks required (see above)

#Saturday at 11:30 am with Courtney, May 13-June 24 (skip May 27), \$200/six weeks, masks required (see above)

### **Puppy-South Haven (outdoor class)**

Wednesday at 5:30 pm with Kelly, May 24-June 14, \$140/four weeks

Wednesday at 5:30 pm with Kelly, June 21-July 19 (skip July 5), \$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.*

Good manners, playtime for appropriate interactions with other pups, potty training, crate training, socialization to build confidence, and outings to dog-friendly stores for real-world practice. 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, May 30-June 22

### **Jump Stops Here**

Skills and strategies for greeting without jumping. Dogs should know how to sit and be friendly to people and dogs. \$70/two weeks.

#Saturday at 1:00 pm with Courtney, May 13-May 20, masks required (see above)

### **Leash Walking 101**

Skills and strategies for loose leash walking. Dogs must be friendly to people and dogs. \$70/two weeks.

Monday at 5:30 pm with Beth, May 8-May 15

#Saturday at 1:00 pm with Courtney, June 3-June 10, masks required (see above)

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

Open to beginner pups and dogs over 40 pounds at 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 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, May 11-June 8, masks required (see above)

#Saturday at 10:00 am with Courtney, May 13-June 17 (skip May 27), masks required (see above)

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## **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 class descriptions for any additional requirements.

### **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, May 10-June 14

### **Field Trip**

Get real world practice as we meet at a different location each week. 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 dogs and people. \$140/four weeks.

Wednesday at 5:30 pm with Beth, May 10-May 31

### **Stay Focused**

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 7:00 pm with Beth, May 9-June 6 (skip May 30)

### **Tavern Dog**

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

#Saturday at 2:30 pm with Courtney, May 13-June 10 (skip May 27), masks required (see above)

## **Advanced classes**

### **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 test will be held on the last night of class. \$140/four weeks.

Wednesday at 6:30 pm with Becki, May 10-May 31

### **Fun stuff and Pet First Aid**

**Intro to Scent Work** is for dogs that love to sniff! Engage your dog's natural scenting abilities 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, June 14-July 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.

Tuesday at 4:30 pm with Beth, May 9-June 6 (skip May 30)

**Trick Dog II** is open to dogs who have completed Trick Dog or have their novice trick title. \$140/four weeks.

Tuesday at 4:30 pm with Beth, June 13-July 11 (skip July 4)

**Pet First Aid** will help you be prepared in case of an emergency. Contact [matt@tiptoptails.com](mailto:matt@tiptoptails.com) to register. \$75/five hour class.

Sunday May 21 from 12:00 pm-5:00 pm with Matt

Sunday June 25 from 12:00 pm-5:00 pm with Matt