



Class schedule September-October 2023

Registration opens Saturday August 26 at 12 noon on our website, www.tiptoptails.com.

The schedule will not be fully posted until 12 noon. You may need to refresh your browser to see all classes.

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.

Pups under 4 months old must have:

- bordetella vaccination
- first round of distemper/parvo vaccination (DAPP/DHPP)
- negative fecal exam or in treatment and symptom free

Pups and dogs over 4 months old must have:

- bordetella vaccination
- distemper/parvo vaccination (DAPP/DHPP)
- rabies vaccination 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 TipTopTails at The Knoll, 1030 S. 8th Street, Kalamazoo.

Beginner classes for puppies and dogs under 40 pounds AND under 1 year old

Puppy Class

Open to 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.

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.

Tuesday 5:00 pm with Beth, September 26-October 17, \$140/four weeks

Wednesday 4:30 pm with Beth, September 27-October 18, \$140/four weeks

Thursday 6:00 pm with Kelly, September 21-October 26, \$200/six weeks

Saturday 12:45 pm with Kelly, September 23-November 4 (skip October 14), \$200/six weeks

Puppy Day School *starts mid October, contact us if interested*

Open to puppies who are **both** under 40 pounds **and** under six months old at the start date.

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

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.

Beginner classes for puppies and dogs over 40 pounds (any age) OR over 1 year old (any size)

Open to pups and dogs who are **either** over 40 pounds (any age) **or** over 1 year old (any size) at the start date.

If your dog barks continuously or exhibits fearful or aggressive behaviors, we may recommend 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 7:15 pm with Kelly, September 21-October 19

Saturday 11:30 am with Kelly, September 23-October 28 (skip October 14)

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Intermediate classes

Open to puppies and dogs of any age and size 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 7:45 pm with Becki, September 13-October 18

Super Dog Sports Sampler

Unleash your pup's talents with this intro to tricks, scent work, and rally obedience (two weeks on each topic).

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. \$200/six weeks.

Wednesday 6:30 pm with Becki, September 13-October 18

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 6:00 pm with Beth, September 27-October 18

Advanced classes

Field Trip 2

Open to students who have previously taken Beth's Field Trip class. Meet up for group practice on loose leash walking, stays, sit for petting, and more! \$30/night, attend one or both nights.

Wednesday 5:00 pm with Beth, September 6

Wednesday 5:00 pm with Beth, September 20

Workshops

Don't Poodle My Doodle!

A professional groomer will show you how to prevent matting and avoid the dreaded shave-down. Bring your dog, your brush or other home grooming tools, and your questions! \$35/one hour.

Thursday 6:30 pm with Becki, September 14

South Haven classes

No South Haven area classes this session due to instructor availability.