



**Class schedule
July-August 2024**

Registration opens Sunday June 30 at 2 pm at www.tiptoptails.com.

The class schedule will not be fully posted until 2 pm.
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 required vaccinations:

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

Pups and dogs over 4 months old required vaccinations:

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, and contact us before registration opens with any questions.

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.

Registering multiple dogs for the same class? Contact us before registration opens for assistance.

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, unless otherwise noted.

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

Puppy

Foundation skills like attention, sit, down, and intro to stay, leash walking, and come when called, plus answers to your questions about mouthing, potty training, socialization, and more!

Thursday 5:00 pm with Kelly, July 18-August 8, \$160/four weeks

Thursday 6:15 pm with Kat, July 11-August 15, no pups at first class, \$240/six weeks

Saturday 10:00 am with Kat, July 13-August 17, no pups at first class, \$240/six weeks

Puppy South Haven (outdoors)

Open to pups of any size under one year old. Foundation skills like attention, sit, down, and intro to stay, leash walking, and come when called, plus answers to your questions about puppy mouthing, potty training, socialization, and more! Pups that know the basics will get more challenges including distractions. Class is held at a private farm near Breedsville, address provided after registration. Class meets outdoors in a fenced yard with shade and chairs are provided.

Wednesday 6:00 pm with Kelly, July 10-July 31, \$160/four weeks

Puppy Day School: starts July 30, see Day Training Drop Off Programs below.

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

Basic Manners

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

Thursday 7:30 pm with Kat, July 11-August 8, \$200/five weeks, no dogs at first class

Saturday 11:15 am with Kat, July 13-August 10, \$200/five weeks, no dogs at first class

Day Training: starts July 8, see Day Training Drop Off Programs below.

Puppy South Haven (outdoors): see above.

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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. Dogs should be friendly to other dogs and people. Please read class descriptions for 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. \$240/six weeks.

Wednesday 7:45 pm with Becki, July 10-August 14

Field Trip

Get real world practice on skills like sit for petting, stay, and leave it. Class meets at a different dog-friendly location each week (location will be e-mailed to students). Dogs should already know how to sit and down on cue, and have started learning stay, leash walking, and come when called. \$240/six weeks.

Wednesday 6:00 pm with Beth, July 10-August 14

Day Training Drop Off Programs

Puppy Day School

Open to pups who are both under 40 pounds and under one year old. Pups over six months old must be spayed or neutered to attend Puppy Day School. Bigger pups and adult dogs can choose Day Training (below).

Your pup will come home happy, well-behaved, and ready for a nap! Enjoy having a pup that is calm in a crate and gentle with your hands, doesn't jump up, walks nicely on leash, and comes when called. Drop your pup off twice a week for manners training, puppy playtime, and socialization outings to dog-friendly stores for real-world practice. \$1,850/four weeks includes individual lesson before the session starts, eight days of school, and individual lesson after the session ends.

9:45 am-3:30 pm with Kelly and Matt, July 30-August 23, see class page for specific dates

Day Training

Open to pups and dogs who are too big for Puppy Day School, including:

- pups and dogs of any age who are over 40 pounds
- pups and dogs of any size who are over one year old

Dogs do not need to be spayed or neutered to attend Day Training.

Busy schedule? Let us do the training for you! Drop your dog off twice a week for training on skills like loose leash walking, sit and stay at doors, polite greetings without jumping, tricks, and more. \$1,500/six weeks includes half hour individual lesson before the session starts, twelve drop-off training sessions (one hour each), and half hour transfer lesson after the session ends.

Monday and Wednesday 8:00 am-12 pm with Beth, July 8-August 14

afternoon session 12:30 pm-4:30 pm may be added if morning session fills

Back to School (for graduates of Puppy Day School)

Does your pup miss school and need a refresher? Back to School is open to school grads of any age and size. Your pup will get multiple training sessions customized to your training goals. Sign up for one day or multiple days, your choice! \$100/day.

Friday 12:30 pm-4:30 pm with Kelly, July 19, July 26, August 9

Fun stuff

Beginner Agility

Open to puppies and dogs of any age. Handlers will learn the skills involved in training jumps, tunnels, and weaves. We also will address skills important to agility and basic training like handler focus, stay, and walking nicely on a leash. \$240/six weeks.

Monday at 5:30 pm with Beth, July 8-August 19 (skip July 22)

Monday at 6:45 pm will be added if 5:30 pm fills, register for 5:30 to be added to wait list and we will contact you

Nosework Problem Solving Workshop

Open to dogs that have completed at least an intro to nosework class. This workshop is suitable for dogs on odor, on paired hides, and also working primary. We will focus on skill building, independent hunting, and problem solving for the Nosework dog. The exercises will be a fun and encouraging experience for both the dog and handler. \$40/one week.

Monday at 7:00 pm with Carolyn and Becki, July 22

Trick Dog

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! \$160/four weeks.

Tuesday at 4:30 pm with Beth, July 9-July 30