

CLASS INFORMATION PACK



★ LIFE SKILLS ★ FOR PUPPIES

TEACHING YOU & YOUR PUP THE SKILLS FOR A LIFETIME OF JOY AND SUCCESS



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7-Week Course + Biting Book - £135 per puppy



When and where are the Classes?

Classes are held at Burghfield Village Hall, Recreation Road, RG7 3EN on Monday evenings. Free parking is available at the Hall, which includes toilets, a kitchen for water top ups (the classes are not catered) and is wheelchair accessible.

Classes run weekly for 7 consecutive weeks and are not available on a drop-in basis.

2024 dates:

- Monday 15th January to 26th Feb inclusive
- Monday 3rd June to 15th July inclusive
- Monday 9th September to 28th October (minus 7th October, skipped week)
- Monday 11th November to Monday 16th December inclusive (short course)

Doors open at 6:05pm. Classes start at 6:15pm until 7:15pm with a prompt finish to ensure all puppies are off site when the adult dogs arrive from 7:30pm, for maximum safety.

Who is it for?

This class is for all puppies up to 21 weeks who have had their vaccinations and are cleared by their vet as safe to start puppy classes on the start date of the course. All puppies must also be up to date for internal and external parasite control (flea & worm).

If you would like support in preparing for your new puppy, please see my Pre-Puppy Starter Session; this one-to-one session will answer all your questions.

What is it for?

This course will build strong foundations for you and your puppy. This is different from obedience classes and aims to leave you with lifetime skills and understanding.

They are fun & friendly group sessions where you will meet other new puppy parents, find out how your pup learns best, and learn how to socialise them appropriately with dogs, people, and experiences. All training is done using the most up to date positive science-based methods to get your training off to the best possible start and maximise your dog's potential.

Everything covered in class is followed up by handouts emailed to you the following day. This gives you a chance to put into practice everything you have learnt and allows us the opportunity to address the whole class with common feedback, issues arising and training tips. This is also helpful if not all family members are able to attend the classes.



Classes are kept small, usually only 5 dogs per class. This ensures all handlers are provided with enough support and attention. It also means that the dogs can socialise in a calm and relaxed way, and those who are a little shy aren't forced into a situation they are not happy with, which can cause problems as they grow older. These small classes mean you get time to ask questions, your dogs are happier, and their confidence grows faster.

Children are welcome and encouraged to attend classes with appropriate adult supervision but must stay calm and quiet when not involved in training exercises.

Training will help you to build and strengthen your relationship with your dog, and the skills and dog behaviour taught will help you continue to problem solve in the future.

Below are the headlines from each week, this list does not include everything covered in classes:

- 🐾 Week 1: Socialisation through play (meeting your puppy's foundational needs)
 - 🐾 Week 2: Positive reinforcement for puppies (how puppies learn and eye contact)
 - 🐾 Week 3: Fitting into a human world (impulse control including swap & drop)
 - 🐾 Week 4: Tension builds tension (relaxed lead walking)
 - 🐾 Week 5: Building your puppy's trust (health checks, handling, separation)
 - 🐾 Week 6: Foundations for recall (longline and recall games)
 - 🐾 Week 7: Training behaviours for the real world (Green Paw's 'café' and biscuits)
- Graduation photos also taken Week 7.

Who runs the classes?

The Instructor, Phili Webb, has over ten years' experience as a professional trainer, including training and qualifying guide dogs for people with a visual impairment, running group classes, and working privately 1:1 with clients and dogs locally.

Okay, I'm in! What's next?

1. Please read the Code of Practice below and check you are happy to abide by this
2. Use the [Book your spot](#) button on the Green Paw website
3. Complete the Enrolment Form
4. Read through your Pre-Class Essentials (sent three weeks before classes start) and ensure you have all the equipment you need
5. Turn up and get involved!



Code of Practice for Group Classes



Green Paw operates fun and fair training methods and environments. Please read the following Code of Practice which ensures all participants can focus on getting the most from their dog, whilst having fun.

- Please do not bring your dog if he or she is unwell.
- All owners must provide proof of vaccination in advance, or on the first day of class.
- For Puppy Classes, puppies attending this class must not have mixed with any unvaccinated dogs or have visited areas that are highly populated by dogs of unknown vaccination status and disease to protect all attending young puppies.
- Dogs must be kept on lead at all times unless otherwise directed by the Instructor.
- Your dog is your responsibility at all times.
- All dogs are to wear flat collars and/or harnesses. Half-checks, choke chains and slip lead are not permitted.
- Please do not bring bitches in season to 'How to train your dog' classes.
- In the unlikely event of an altercation between two dogs, stand back and allow the Instructor to address it.
- Dogs must not be left unattended in hot cars.
- Cars are parked at their owner's risk. We do not accept any responsibility for theft or damage to cars or property whilst left at the training facility nor parked elsewhere.
- Owners/handlers must be a minimum of 16-years-old unless accompanied by an adult.
- No one in the class is to behave in an abusive manner to any person or dog, and agrees to leave the premises if requested by the Instructor.
- The Cancellation Policy is available at <https://www.greenpaw.org.uk/sale-t-c> and on the Enrolment Form
- Refunds will not be given unless under exceptional circumstances and at Green Paw's discretion.
- The fees cover one dog per owner/family for the 7-week course on the dates specified.
- Children are welcome to join in our classes with appropriate adult supervision but must stay calm and quiet when not involved in training exercises.
- Attendees consent to their dog being photographed, videotaped, and/or used in media or advertising by Green Paw. All such media remain the property of Green Paw, although if the original image is still available, it will be sent to owners on request. No identifying information about your dog will accompany the images.
- Green Paw is fully insured, but it is advisable that your dog is covered by your own pet insurance.