



## PuppyPreK

There are critical windows of time in a puppy's development that can set him or her up to be a confident, stable, happy and human/dog friendly canine citizen. At Friendsville® Animal Center that window of time is where we focus our training. Different from basic training (which is also important), the PuppyPreK curriculum focuses exclusively on socialization with multiple humans and dogs; exposure to cats; playing on different textures, terrains, surfaces, water and sounds; and, gaining balance in our sensory enrichment yards which includes stairs, tunnels, platforms, spindles, A-frames and tug toys.

The 6-session program is open to healthy puppies 8-16\* weeks old who have had at least one round of vaccinations, are dewormed and have some sort of identification tag/microchip. We believe the advantages of socializing young puppies far outweighs potential risks prior to the full vaccination schedule. (\*Trainer approval required for older puppies.)

The curriculum is action packed...because that's the Friendsville way!

### Requirements:

1. Puppy must be current on all age appropriate vaccinations and have been dewormed.
2. Puppy must have some form of ID (collar tag, microchip, etc...).
3. Puppy must not have shown any form of illness, or aggression to humans or animals.

### Curriculum

*Puppy will be given lots of breaks and nap time. Additionally, we can feed your puppy mid-day if requested (please bring a pre-bagged portion of the food they are current eating).*

**Week 1:** Puppy will be introduced to other dogs of a similar size in a small controlled play group (this will happen each week) along with placing puppy in a rest room and leaving alone for short to longer periods of time. Puppy will be held/handled by multiple staff members.

**Week 2:** Puppy will be exposed to things that move (bicycles, shopping bags, tarps, leaves, balls, running animals). Puppy will begin learning fast recall.

**Week 3:** Puppy will be exposed to new places (getting in and out of different cars (onsite, non-moving, not left alone), inside different types of buildings, etc...).

**Week 4:** Puppy will be exposed to different noises (blow dryers, vacuums, doorbells, alarms, storm noises, firework sounds).

**Week 5:** Puppy will be exposed to different surfaces (grass, gravel, pavement, carpet, shiny floors, rocks, sand, a frames, plastic and the bath tub).

**Week 6:** Puppy will be introduced to cats. Puppy will be groomed. (Bath with Nail Clipping).

(We need to know what types of treats your puppy can have. We would like to use both training treats and hot dogs or chicken.)

We will reinforce the behaviors you have started working on in your basic training (i.e. sit, down).

## **Evaluation:**

At Friendsville Animal Center, we require an evaluation for every dog prior to him or her becoming an approved Friendsville Pet - this is a requirement whether your dog(s) want to be approved for PuppyPrek, group Day Play or just for Boarding. We do this for two reasons. First, we want pet parents to meet us and tour the facility along with being able to address any special concerns or expectations you have of us. Secondly, we want to meet our true clients - the pets. We want to make sure they feel comfortable with us and us with them.

We can schedule evaluations any day of the week except Sunday. Just give us a few available days and times and we'll make it work! **For the Evaluation we require proof of at least the first round of age appropriate vaccinations (DA2PPV, Bordetella and deworming).**

Your veterinarian can fax to 800-385-1692 or email to [staff@friendsville.com](mailto:staff@friendsville.com) or you can bring records with you to the evaluation.

## **Additional Vaccinations**

Our pets expect the best! Our vaccination policy ensures that each of our guests not only have exceptional fun, but are also exceptionally safe.

**In addition to Rabies and DA2PPV, we require Bordetella (current within the past 6 months), Leptosira, and Canine Influenza (H3N2) prior to any reservations post PuppyPreK. (We recommend that you speak to your vet about getting the initial and booster shots of Leptospirosis and Canine Influenza as soon as possible.)**

(Flea and Tick treatment must be current. If upon inspection, we find this is not the case, we will bathe and treat your pet and charge your account for the service.)

## **SPAY/NEUTER Requirements**

While PuppyPreK students can participate at Friendsville prior to being altered, he or she must be spayed/neutered prior to engaging in group activities after the program.

Because Friendsville Animal Center is a secured facility, when you arrive on evaluation day, you will proceed into the driveway area and then press the call button and will open the gate for you to drive in.

Thank you again for contacting Friendsville Animal Center. We look forward to meeting you and helping your puppy become a well-rounded companion!

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*Positive-based, humane and fun interactions is our training philosophy.*

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