

THE PUPPY LADY

EARLY PUPPY TRAINING



Everyone enjoys a well behaved dog. Training your puppy or dog is all about doing the right things from the beginning. I specialize in early puppy and obedience training so you can have a manageable and well socialized dog. I offer private lessons in your home and indoor group socialization classes.

I focus on these areas to help you start off on the right paw...

- **Your puppy at home**
- **Training *you* to train your puppy!**
- **You and your puppy out in the world**

NEW PUPPY OWNER COMMENTS:

“Great one-on-one and group instruction.”

“We always had a dog when I was growing up, but now I realize what my mother went through raising a puppy and us kids.”

Our puppy “went from refusing to heel, to heeling like a champ!”

“Even though I’ve read every book from 'Labrador’s for Dummies' to Ian Dunbar’s 'Before and After You Get Your Puppy,' it really helped to have Amy show me how to train my puppy one-on-one.”

Amy is “very open and friendly—and knowledgeable...and has a positive attitude”

“What I read about having a dog and what really happened living with a dog was a little different. Amy helped me apply training to my living situation.”

“I liked that the class was treat-based and I loved the social aspect with the other people and dogs.”

"We would absolutely recommend Amy's classes to another puppy owner, yes!"

“I really appreciated the obstacles and real world socialization.”

We learned “easy, repeatable things we are able to work on at home.”

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Member: Association of Professional Dog Trainers

The first 12 to 16 weeks of a puppy's life is critical for shaping its behavior for the rest of the dog's adulthood. Through private training at your home I give you the tools and information you need to get started and on the road to enjoying a lifelong friendship. I can guide you through these important areas for your new puppy:



- Bite Inhibition**
- Crate Training**
- House Training**
- Health and Handling**
- Luring Techniques**
- Socialization**

TRAINING YOU TO TRAIN YOUR PUPPY!

Using luring techniques with treats and positive reinforcement gets you started on the Do's and Don't's of beginning obedience and the day-to-day interaction with your dog. I can show you ways to manage her environment to help minimize mistakes, and games you can play, so learning can be fun.

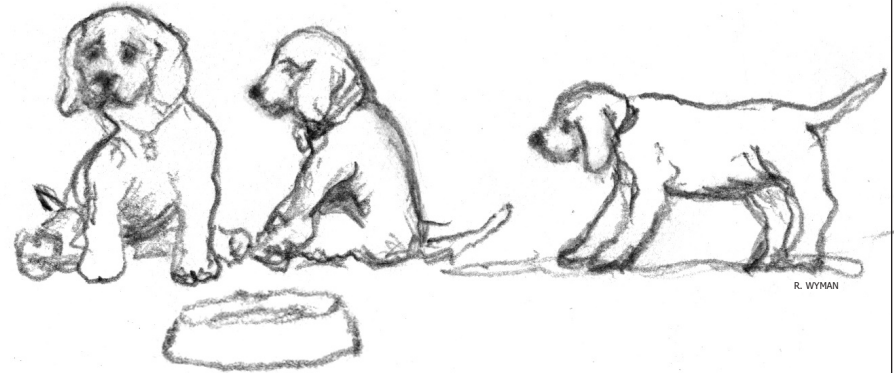
YOU & YOUR PUPPY OUT IN THE WORLD

Socialization is what helps shape the puppy's behavior later on as an adult dog. I encourage people to participate in a puppy socialization class. Puppies learn a lot from other puppies, but vulnerability to disease at this age makes it difficult to get your puppy out and socialized.

PUPPY CLASSES

Group classes are a great stepping stone to socializing your puppy. My *Puppy Play & Learn* class is for puppies under 16 weeks old with two sets of vaccinations. I also have a *Lets Go On Leash* class for older puppies and dogs. These classes are indoors in a clean and safe environment.

All family members are encouraged to attend, so learning isn't just from the owner but from other people as well. Through play and a little trial and error your puppy gets a good start on her education.



CHOOSING A CANINE COMPANION

If you haven't picked out a dog yet, I can help you explore various options of finding the right dog. Getting a dog is a big decision and there are many ways to go about it.

One way is to go to an animal shelter and give a dog another chance. Another method is to figure out a breed that fits your lifestyle and then find a reputable breeder. Finding a good breeder may take time depending on the breed you want.

Going to a dog show is a good way to see different breeds at the same time. It's comparative shopping at its best, plus the breeders themselves are often there to answer your questions.

OLD DOG, NEW TRICKS

If your puppy is already over four months of age, I encourage dog owners to participate in training classes. I often design a class specifically for groups of dog owners who share similar schedules or levels of learning. Classes are great for continuing education.

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS...

- Are you thinking of getting a dog?
- Do you want a puppy or an older dog?
- How big of a house do you have?
- How big is your back yard?
- How many children do you have?
- What size of car do you have?

The Puppy Lady can help you assess your situation with a pre-puppy consultation even before you get your new pup! Please give me a call and lets get started with your dog. I can't wait to see its tail wagging.

Enjoy Your Dog!

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