

**North Road Vet Centre**  
**PUPPY PRESCHOOL CLASSES**  
with Tegan from Happy Hounds Dog Training

Dear Puppy Owner,

Welcome to puppy classes at **North Road Veterinary Centre**. Over the next 2 weeks, we are going to help you get the best possible start to training, socialising and handling your puppy.

Some of the things you will learn about are: *How to manage common puppy behaviours and domestic issues effectively. How to socialise your puppy to other dogs and the 'human' world they live in.* These classes will give you a head start with your puppy's *basic obedience training*, whilst *developing good leadership and handling skills*. Of equal importance, is learning how to make sure the time spent with your puppy is an enjoyable experience for both of you.

Over the next 2 weeks, we will cover the topics listed below and incorporate socialisation into the mix. Depending on the needs of the group, we will spend varying amounts of time on any particular area. If you have questions about a topic not listed here, please do not hesitate to ask. Generally I will end each session with Q & A time to assist with any specific issues not covered in the class.

**TOPICS:**

- Diet & Nutrition guidelines
- Socialisation – where, how & why
- Using toys and games as a training tool
- Training equipment – what and how to use it
- Understanding how to be a responsible pet owner
- Handling preparation for visits to the vet or groomer

**COMMON PUPPY BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS:**

- House/Toilet Training
- Independence training and establishing leadership
- Attention seeking/Destructive behaviors, Mouthing, Biting, Nipping, Chewing & Jumping up

**OBEDIENCE TRAINING:**

- Introduction to correct way to handle the lead
- Social or Loose Lead Walking
- How to 'Sit' your dog
- How to 'Stand' your dog

Topics will be divided between the 2 sessions with lead handling and social walking commencing in Week 1 (to allow you time to practice during the week) and socialisation covered in more depth in Week 2. Week 2 will also be used to recap what was taught in Week 1 and provide feedback on how to improve your techniques.

And last but not least, it will also include a discussion on 'where to from here' with your dogs training.

**Hope you enjoy the class.**

**Tegan & Mya**  
**Happy Hounds Dog Training**