

## **PUPPY COMMUNICATION COURSE DETAILS**

### **Week one**

#### **Grooming handling and general care.**

We will endeavour to ensure that your dogs are happy to be handled not only by you but also by strangers.

This is very important, at some time in their lives they will have to visit a vet because they are ill.

A dog that is not used to being handled can find visiting the vets a very traumatic experience also if your dog is injured it will be very difficult to examine him if he is wary of being handled.

Handling check to be carried out by owners and me.

Introduction to the Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme

### **Week two**

#### **Socialising and the importance of constructive play**

To be responsible dog owners we should always clean up after our dogs, do not give the anti-dog people ammunition.

We should help our dogs by introducing them to other dogs, cats, sheep, people and any other animals that they are likely to encounter in their lives.

Great care is needed when interacting with other dogs, we have to ensure that other dogs do not bully your puppy and do not allow him to bully or frighten others.

Playtime.

Play is a very important part of your puppy's development therefore the games we play and the rules we set help to build a partnership built on trust and understanding.

Many behaviour problems are the result of inappropriate play and lack of socialisation when our dogs were puppies.

Handling checks by other owners and me.

### **Week three**

#### **Basic manners and response**

We will deal with dogs that, snatch food from people's hands, bark and threaten or steal food. Jumping on and eating furniture, eating wallpaper and re-designing gardens will also be discussed.

Check for dog's response to owners and help where necessary.

Demonstrate and practice constructive play.

Handling checks and homework.

## **Week Four**

### **Rewards (types and timing)**

Question and answers regarding the course so far.

The use and types of rewards will be explained and demonstrated.

When giving rewards' timing is important so we will practice with recalls, sits and some fun exercises.

Try to keep all training fun and enjoyable for both you and your dog.

Handling checks

Homework.

## **Week Five**

### **The art of training**

Question and answers.

Sit, stay, down, walking on a loose lead and recall.

Chase tail, roll over and high five.

Demonstration and practice.

Handling checks

Homework.

## **Week six**

### **Future training**

Question and answers.

Explain next courses that are available.

The Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme Puppy Foundation Assessment.

Presentation of Certificates.

End of course