

What is a 'Trained Puppy'?

A Trained Puppy from Todo's Translator has the knowledge and experience necessary to behave as we expect a 'good dog' to behave. The puppy will learn how to live a cooperative life with humans; what is allowed, what isn't, and how to be an all around family dog.

Each puppy is handpicked and hand raised by myself (an experienced dog trainer) in my home with my dog pack. I start by searching for just the right breeder. Many aspects of a dog's overall health and temperament are determined by genetics and early experiences so choosing the right breeder is vital. Once I choose the right breeder I make sure that I choose the right litter and right pup. I check the health and temperament of both parents, then watch how the puppies interact with one another to be sure I bring the perfect personality home.

Once the puppy is old enough it leaves the breeder and comes to me. This is where the work begins. The puppy is taught all the rules and expectations that we put on dogs – what is appropriate, and more importantly what isn't. Every puppy will be potty trained, crate trained, understand appropriate chewing, sit to greet, and know basic obedience. The amount of training your puppy receives will determine the number and fluency of life skills that they will know; the longer the puppy is with me the more developed and ingrained the behaviors will be. (please see 'Training Tiers' below). Most importantly, your puppy will be calm, polite and easy to handle.

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Why buy a trained puppy? (Can't I just train my puppy myself?)

Of course you can train your puppy yourself. Thousands of people do it every year. Many people are successful at raising a puppy to become the dog of their dreams. Some people just need a little help (group class, lessons with me). There are also a large group of people that would love to have a dog as a part of the family but just don't have the skills, time or physical ability to raise a dog. Raising a dog is much like raising a kid; our goal is to teach them to become polite members of society. With a puppy our time frame is much quicker. Many people find that life gets in the way of making sure their puppy grows to be the dog they dreamed of having. All of the sudden they have a young adult dog on their hands that doesn't have the skillset to behave as a 'good dog' and may actually make life for the owner more difficult. To avoid becoming one of those dog owners, you may consider buying your puppy already trained.

Benefits of Purchasing a Trained Puppy

- Your puppy's education is completed by a professional
- You are also educated by a professional
- Your puppy comes with EVERYTHING necessary
- Saves you time and effort
- No destroyed property
- No stolen objects

- No game of chase/keep away
- No jumping on owner/guests/children
- No mouthing/biting
- Sits/lays still for petting
- No accidents in the house
- No sleepless nights due to barking/crying
- Puppy responds quickly when spoken to
- Puppy is old enough to have a well developed personality
- Puppy easily adapts to new situations
- Puppy obeys well
- Puppy is learning how to make good choices without prompting/coercion
- Puppy is easy to groom (doesn't struggle)
- Puppy fits easily into your life
- You get the puppy of your dreams!

Is a Trained Puppy Right for me?

You might find a trained puppy is right for you if:

- You have always wanted a dog or puppy but have doubted your ability to raise one properly due to your life circumstances.
- You have the time in your life for a well-behaved dog
 - These are family members! They will want to go places and do what you do. Take them with!
- You don't have the physical capabilities to house train a young dog due to disability or age.
- You have never raised a puppy before, or it has been a long time.
- You have young children in your household that may provide a puppy with too many opportunities to make mistakes. (steal from little hands, knock little ones over, etc.)
- You have a busy schedule that may get in the way of reaching your training goals
- You aren't confident that your ability to raise a puppy to meet your dreams because you lack the skills or know how.
- You want to be sure that you get the puppy of your dreams.

What will my puppy know, exactly?

Your puppy's overall skills and knowledge will be determined by the length of stay with me and your personal goals. Please read through these training Tiers carefully to choose the right program for your needs. Each consecutive program will include the program before. (We will also discuss this at our consultation. You are not required to decide before then)

Training Tiers

1. **Puppy Primer:** All your puppy training bases are covered. Puppy goes home age 3-5months (12-20 weeks).
 - a. 6 In (your) Home Lessons Included – a minimum of 4 completed before puppy goes home
 - i. Homework hand outs and videos included for reference
 - ii. 10% discount on any future training
 - b. Potty Training
 - i. Taught to ring a bell to ask to go outside
 1. **can use a doorbell if your house is large
 2. It will be your responsibility to ask your puppy to ring the bell for every potty break to encourage this habit.
 - ii. By 'potty trained' I mean that the puppy has a solid understanding of where they should and should not 'go'. This doesn't mean that accidents won't happen but rather the puppy is on its way to no accidents with proper guidance.
 1. **until 6-9 months old you should keep your puppy on a schedule, provide frequent potty breaks, and supervise closely. Often a puppy understands what it is supposed to do long before its little body is capable of 'holding it' for significant amounts of time.
 - c. Crate Training
 - i. Your puppy will go into crate on command
 - ii. Your puppy will exit crate calmly when given release word
 - iii. Your puppy will also be comfortable with other confinement areas such as exercise pens, bathroom or laundry rooms.
 - iv. Puppy should only cry in the crate if he needs something (ex: potty break)
 - d. Socialization – socializing a puppy properly has a HUGE impact on how the puppy will respond to new experiences as an adult. It is vital that young puppies experience as many of the things they will see as an adult before they are 16 weeks old.
 - i. **This is one of the most important factors in having a happy, confident dog.
 - ii. Your puppy will be exposed to
 1. People (big, small, young, old, in wheelchairs, in strollers, in hats, in costumes, etc.)
 2. Other Dogs (big, small, friendly, young, old, etc.)
 3. New Places (restaurants, stores, hiking trails, car washes, drive throughs, subdivisions, downtown, farmers market etc.)

4. New Sounds (buses, motorcycles, air/power tools, construction work, vacuum, children screaming/playing, etc)
 5. New Things (shopping carts, trash cans, Halloween decorations, etc.)
- e. Grooming – Your puppy will be exposed to body handling and grooming tools. Your puppy will easily accept:
- i. Touching his ears, feet, mouth, tail
 - ii. Wiping feet, paws, ears, eyes
 - iii. Brushing hair
 - iv. Clipping nails
 - v. Baths
- f. Appropriate Chewing – Your puppy will understand the difference between what he should and shouldn't put his mouth on. Puppies explore the world with their mouths, much like children explore it with their hands. This means that almost everything they encounter goes in their mouth. You should not lose personal property due to your puppy chewing inappropriately.
- i. Young puppies shouldn't be left alone with tempting objects until we KNOW they will make the correct choice. Age is also a factor here.
 1. Until you can trust your puppy 100% keep all tempting items cleaned up unless you are closely supervising
 - ii. Things I have seen destroyed by clients' dogs: remote controls, glasses, shoes, socks, rugs, paper products, phones, belts, backpacks, children's toys, walls (yes, holes in the drywall...), leashes/collars/harnesses, decorative boxes/flowers, furniture... and much more...
- g. Sit to Greet - It is very common for dogs to jump on people when they greet. I will teach your puppy that the only way he receives attention is if he sits. This means that when you walk in the door your puppy should run to you and sit to say hello.
- i. No jumping on you, your children or your guests!
 - ii. The longer I have the puppy the more ingrained this will be.
- h. Say Please - Your puppy will learn that the best way to get what he wants is to sit politely as if he is saying "mommy, pleeeeeeaaassee."
- i. No jumping to see what's in your hand, no whining, no barking, no pawing at you ☐ No attention seeking (in annoying ways)
 - ii. Let's say you walk in with a big meaty bone in your hand. Your puppy will immediately sit to ask to have the bone. If that doesn't work she might try laying down or another cute trick. She will NOT demand you give it to her.
 - iii. **Learned Calmness** - This not only teaches your puppy how to ask politely for the things she wants from you but also instills calmness.

1. **If calmness is the most rewarded behavior there is no reason to get wild and excited.
 - i. No Biting/Mouthing – your puppy will understand that human skin is not made for puppy’s mouth. There will be no mouthing, nipping or biting – even if puppy is excited.
 - i. Your puppy will not only take treats gently but will also use its mouth gently during play.
 - j. Appropriate Play – Your puppy will understand how to play appropriately with both other dogs and with people.
 - k. Basic Obedience
 - i. Sit
 - ii. Down
 - iii. Stay
 - iv. Leave It
 - v. Drop It
 - vi. Go To Bed (crate)
 - vii. Go To Place (dog bed)
 - viii. Loose Leash Walk
 - ix. Come
 - x. Wait (don’t rush the door)
 - xi. A few tricks to boot!
 - xii. Note:
 1. Your puppy will have a solid understanding of what these commands mean but they will not be infallible....
 - a. you will still need to reward your puppy for good choices and provide appropriate consequences when they make mistakes (learned during lessons). Consistency through adolescence is key!
 - b. Your puppy may not be able to perform these skills any time, anywhere (yet). That takes maturity and repetition. But if you continue practicing what you learn during lessons the ability to perform no matter what will come with time.
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2. **Perfect Puppy On & Off Leash** – Your puppy will go home when ‘Puppy Primer’ goals have been met, then return to me during doggie teenagerhood (8-12 months old) to complete and cement their education.
 - a. Cost: +\$3000, additional 4-6 weeks of training
 - b. Includes remote collar and additional 4 lessons

- i. 20% discount on future training
- c. Potty and Crate training should be completed by this point
 - i. Refresher if necessary
- d. Socialization and “Say Please” will be reiterated
- e. Polite Greeting/Not Jumping Up
 - i. Refresher course to solidify the concept that sit gets attention
- f. Obedience Commands – everything listed above will be able to be performed under distractions
 - i. Sit
 - ii. Down
 - iii. Stay
 - 1. Even if the door is open and you are carrying in groceries!
 - iv. Leave It
 - 1. Even if you encounter goose poo on the walk!
 - v. Drop It
 - 1. No unwanted games of keep away!
 - vi. Go to Bed (crate)
 - 1. At this point the dog should go in on command, not fuss while crated and wait patiently to be let out.
 - vii. Go to Place
 - 1. While you cook, clean, do computer work or invite guests inside!
 - viii. Loose Leash Walk
 - 1. You should be able to expect a nice loose leash on the walk, at the pet store, farmer’s market or anywhere else.
 - ix. Come when called
 - 1. Off leash reliability, even with distractions.
 - a. Squirrel...who cares?
 - b. Got out the front door? No problem!
 - c. On a hike? Let that leash go!
 - x. Wait
 - 1. Puppy never pushes its way through a door (crate, car, front or back doors will all be respected)

What’s included in the purchase of my puppy?

- The puppy
 - Breeder paperwork, AKC registration when applicable.

- Lessons for you to make sure you know everything your puppy knows and how to use it.
- All Age Appropriate vaccinations (Rabies, Bordetella, DHPP, Lyme)
- 1 size appropriate crate with divider
- 1 bag of size appropriate, quality dog food
- Collar, leash and any other walking equipment
- Any necessary grooming equipment (breed dependent)
- Homework folder with ALL the information you need to have a successful life with your puppy. This may include how to perform certain behaviors, how to continue your puppy's training, how to feed properly, which pet stores/restraints/parks to frequent, etc.

How does the process work?

There are two options; either purchase one of my available puppies or work together with me to find just the right puppy.

Purchase an available puppy:

1. Contact me regarding which puppy you are interested in
2. Schedule a Consultation. This is where we meet at your home to discuss what you are looking for in a dog and what your lifestyle and daily routine are. If the puppy you are interested in seems to be a good fit I will bring the puppy in to meet you.
 - a. Place a deposit to hold your puppy
3. Take Lessons - to ensure you know as much as your new puppy does it is essential that we do lessons together. I will come to you, with your new puppy, to show you how to integrate it into your home and life.
4. Puppy goes home – both you and your puppy are prepared for life together
 - a. Remaining balance due
5. Send me lots of photos and updates
6. Contact the moment you have questions or run into trouble.

Work together to find the right puppy

1. Contact me regarding what you are looking for in a puppy
2. Schedule a consultation. I will come to you to discuss what you are looking for in a new companion, your lifestyle, where you see a dog fitting into your life, and what your goals are for your new puppy.
 - a. Place deposit on your puppy's training (my space and time is limited)
3. Choose your level of training (please see "Training Tiers" below)
4. We search together for the right breeder

- a. Pay for puppy
5. We pick just the right puppy
6. Your puppy comes to live with me, in my home, under my tutelage until the goals set by your chosen tier are attained
7. Complete Lessons - to ensure you know as much as your new puppy does it is essential that we do lessons together. I will come to you, with your new puppy, to show you how to integrate it into your home and life.
8. Your puppy goes home – both you and your puppy are prepared for life together.
 - a. Remaining balance due
9. Send me lots of photos and updates
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Am I required to do the lessons? I'm pretty dog savvy...

Yes, you will be required to complete at least 4 lessons before your puppy comes home. I understand that many people have had dogs and are pretty knowledgeable but it will still be important to know how your dog was taught what it knows and how to maintain and progress those skills as your dog matures.

Why isn't there a guarantee?

I don't offer a guarantee on any future behavior of any dog that I have trained. Behavior is fluid and even with the best education behavior can be unpredictable. Additionally, I don't know how you will handle your puppy after I have left. If you follow what I have taught you in lessons you should do quite well. If you do differently than I suggest your pup's behavior may change.

Why does age still influence the behavior of a trained puppy?

What is 'Socialization' and why is it important?

Will my puppy still bond with me?

If your puppy bonds with you will be up to you, but just because he cares for me doesn't mean there isn't room in his little heart for you too. To ensure your puppy bonds with you I highly recommend spending quality time with your puppy daily. When your puppy first comes home help him to understand the rules and boundaries at your house and be consistent. Keep a (semi) regular routine to help your new one settle in. Most importantly, interact with him! Rub his belly, tell him how handsome

he is and how grateful you are for him. Spend time playing. Don't just throw the ball stiffly – get involved, move back and forth and cheer him on! Train your new puppy. Use his skills. Find ways to integrate the skills your puppy knows into everyday life. Take your puppy on adventures; drive through Starbucks for a pup cup, check out Eagle Creek Park, sit on a restaurant's patio, visit a friend's house. Your puppy will bond with you when you invest yourself in him.