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SUE PEARSON'S OBEDIENCE TRAINING

Puppy Kindergarten

Top 10 Reasons You and Your Dog Should Come to SPOT & CO.

1. All the dogs are doing it.
2. Kid next door thinks the dog's name is "Stoppit."
3. Dog sitter suggested that you take the dog with you on vacation this year.
4. Your clothing has lace and fringe that wasn't there yesterday.
5. No more yellow carpet!
6. You want to learn that trick where you put the biscuit on the end of the dog's nose.
7. Neighbors put one of these flyers in your mailbox.
8. You found *Howloween*, *House Destruction for Dogs*, and *Jurassic Bark* books under the dog's pillow.
9. New puppy came without an owner's manual.
10. Guaranteed to have a great time training your dog!

At **SPOT & CO.** we'll help you learn how to communicate better with your dog. You'll learn how to teach your dog to sit, stay, come when called, lie down and to walk nicely on a leash – and to have fun while you're doing it! In addition to basic obedience training, we'll show you ways to motivate your dog and help you understand why reinforcement is so important for maintaining good behavior.

The first few months of a dog's life are an important time for you to introduce new people, new dogs and new experiences which will help set the stage for later in life. A confident, well socialized pup is more likely to develop into a dog that is friendly, well adjusted and easier to live with as an adult – a dog your neighbors will enjoy having next door!

Puppy Kindergarten classes will provide an opportunity for your puppy to play with other puppies and interact with other people while they learn basic obedience skills. Information will be shared about common behaviors (mouthing/chewing, jumping up, barking, digging, housetraining) and how to deal with them – or prevent them in the first place! And, when children and adults share their living space with a dog, they should have an understanding of training and behavior, so we encourage family members to attend class. **SPOT & CO.** instructors believe that dog training is a family activity and that it should be **fun** for you and your dog.

Thanks for signing up with **SPOT & CO.** We look forward to working with you in class!

Recommended materials available at Iowa City and Coralville Public Libraries:

Sirius Puppy Training, (video) by Ian Dunbar

The Culture Clash, by Jean Donaldson

