

# Puppy Pre-Schools



**Puppy pre-schools** have been common for a number of years now and most people know that it is advantageous to take their puppy to early training not only to assist with socialisation and broadening their puppy's early life experiences but also to teach their pup good manners. Most puppy pre-schools are part of a veterinary clinic's services or are run by dog training organizations.

We recommend positive reward based training because it is kinder and less stressful on the pup, it brings a much closer relationship between owner and their dog, it gives the dog no reason to fear people and children can teach a dog using this method. Classes should be fun for both you and your dog. Puppy pre-schools do differ and it is important to find out about the puppy classes you are considering attending.

Positive classes are run at the following locations:

<b>Wingfield</b> : Animal Welfare League	PPS, OP	8348 1300
<b>Blackwood</b> : Hills Vet Centre	PPS	8278 4147
<b>Christies Beach</b> : Paws Plus Beach Rd Hospital	PPS	8382 8055
<b>Croydon</b> : Torrens Road Vet Clinic	PPS	8346 9666
<b>Dernancourt</b> : Dernancourt Vet Clinic	PPS	8336 9000
<b>Gawler / Nuriootpa</b> : A Dogs ABCs	PPS, OP	8523 2004
<b>Magill</b> : St Bernard's Rd Vet Clinic	PPS	8364 4545
<b>Norwood</b> : The Parade Norwood Veterinary Clinic	PPS	8363 5323
<b>Para Hills</b> : Para Hills Vet Clinic	PPS	8258 4838
<b>Paralowie</b> : Paralowie Vet Clinic	PPS	8258 4818
<b>Salisbury</b> : Salisbury Highway Vet Clinic	PPS, OP	8258 7978
<b>Semaphore / Grange</b> : Semaphore Vet Clinic	PPS, OP	8249 9999
<b>St Peters</b> : Stephen Tce Vet Clinic	PPS	8364 6688
<b>Unley</b> : Unley Vet surgery	PPS	8272 3400

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# Group Positive Reinforcement Training

## Dogs and older puppies

This is extremely important! One of the best ways for you to establish a relationship with your new Dog and begin to develop a bond is through positive training. This training is based on scientific methods and focuses on rewarding desirable behaviours. No check chains or prong collars may be worn. All must attend on a soft collar, head collar or walking harness. Even if you are not a new dog owner, obedience training can be as valuable for you as it is for your dog. A Class full of positive reinforcement will get you and your dog off to a great start. At group classes, you will not only learn to handle your new best friend but also how to communicate effectively with your dog with distractions, and it will provide an opportunity for him to practice socializing. The more socialized you can keep your dog, the more places you will feel comfortable taking him. There are many practical reasons for taking a series of obedience classes, and all family members should participate to reinforce their relationship and their bonds.

Positive classes are run at the following locations:

<b>Wingfield</b> : Animal Welfare League	AT OP	8348 1300
<b>Woodville</b> : Woodville Dog Club	AT OP	8268 5046
<b>Virginia / Two Wells</b> : Virginia Community Dog Training Centre	AT OP	8520 2901
<b>St Morris</b> : Advance Dog Behavioural Training	AT OP	0422 301990
<b>Salisbury</b> : Salisbury Highway Vet Clinic	OP	8258 7978
<b>Salisbury</b> : Nutts About Mutts Dog Training	AT OP	0419 846605
<b>Mt Gambier</b> : Happy Tails Four Paws Manners	AT OP	8725 5302
<b>Gawler / Elizabeth / Nuriootpa</b> : A Dogs ABCs	AT OP	8523 2004
<b>Croydon Park</b> : Canine Interaction	AT OP	0432 247999
<b>Clare</b> : K9 Connection Dog Club Inc	AT OP	8842 2074
<b>Brighton / Hove / Coast</b> : Holdfast Bay Dog Training Centre	AT OP	8377 0737
<b>Blackwood / Burnside</b> : Adelaide Pet Dog Training	AT OP	8272 0018
<b>Birdwood / Mt Barker</b> : Scholars in Collars	AT OP	8568 5610
<b>Aldinga</b> : The School for Dogs – Aldinga Inc	AT OP	8556 3435
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# Private Lessons & Behavioural Consultations

Private classes are sometimes needed for owners of dogs seeking assistance with training and socialization for their dogs and puppies. These can assist those who have mobility or other issues which prevent attendance at regular group classes. Some dogs are not suited to group classes and will benefit from a private session to learn some basic skills. Some behaviours such as resource guarding, barking or digging are specifically related to the home environment, and so are best assessed and addressed in that setting.

We recommend training that is reward based using positive reinforcement methods. This training is based on scientific methods and focuses on rewarding desirable behaviours.

## Contact a Positive Trainer :

AREA	CONTACT	PHONE
Wingfield	Animal Welfare League	8348 1300
Adelaide Hills	Scholars in Collars : Alexis Davidson	8568 5610
Southern Adelaide Hills	Hoofs & Paws Positive Behavioural Training : Lisel O'Dwyer	0412 199 385
Eastern and Inner Suburbs	Bev Clark	8431 7421 W 82121322
Metro Area	Advance Dog Behavioural Training : Amy Van Dyk	0422 301 990
Metro Area	Adelaide Pet dog training: Bodil Schou-Hansen	8272 0018 0409 991 530
Adelaide Metro	Leandra Prior	0422 371 931
Western Suburbs / Barossa	A Dogs Abc's : Jenny Ireland	8523 2004 0412 392 619
Northern suburbs	Nutts About Mutts Dog Training : Julie Earl	0419 846 605
Salisbury	Salisbury Hwy Vet Clinic : Liz Brady	8258 7978
North to South East of City	Susanne Eckert	8390 2198
Near Northern Suburbs	Good Dog Behaviour : Trish Bennett	8359 4569 0402 833 431
South West	Karen Molloy	8377 0737 0405 559 150
Metro Area	Special needs classes for anxious, nervous or anti social dogs : Vicki Burton	8396 1182 0418 822 171

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