



## **Puppy Foundation Classes**

The purpose of the Royvon Puppy Foundation classes are to give the puppy and owner a foundation in basic training and provide a forum for socialising with other dogs and people.

It is important to create a personalised approach to learning, therefore the course guidelines outlined below will be dictated by the individual and group progress made each week. Keeping in mind that an essential part of dog training is repetition, this progress will be reliant on the owners committing to practise between classes for most effective learning.

Various training methods will be introduced and used based upon the dog's breed, temperament and individual motivations. The owner's preferences, skills and limitations will also be taken into account. Training will take place in the Royvon outdoor training field or indoor training hall.

The Royvon Puppy Foundation classes run 6 consecutive weeks at one hour per week.

**Week 1:** Welcome and Introductions, including discussions and assessment of each dog. Owners will practise walking to heel with the appropriate reinforcements, corrections and the use of the voice

**Week 2:** The continuation of basic shaping exercises with the introduction of sit, stay and down, to include the importance of body language and posturing

**Week 3:** The focus of week 3 is to teach dogs general obedience and overall good manners in a variety of simulated situations such as controlled greetings with other dogs and people; entering and exiting doors, etc. Also included is an introduction to recall

**Week 4:** The introduction of off-lead work to include distance stay, formal & informal recall and walking off-lead

**Week 5:** The continuation of off-lead work

**Week 6:** Theory, questions, answers and a re-cap of the 6 weeks of learning.

Each class will conclude with fun & useful commands to learn & practise at home with dogs & owners learning such skills as the Still command ("Flat" or "Bang Bang"); Roll-over; Circle; Send Away ("go to bed"); Speak, Fetch/Retrieve and Drop It...

Please contact a member of the Royvon Team for more information, including current class schedules and to reserve your classroom booking

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*Royvon Purpose: To enhance the quality of life for dogs and their owners*

A well trained dog is a happy dog!