***TO ENROLL:* Send a request through the Contact Us page or to** **playfulpups@cox.net****. Be aware that the classes are small and many classes fill quickly.** **You can check class availability by looking at the upper right corner of the website’s homepage, playfulpupstraining.com.**

***APRIL* Playful Pups Training Class Schedule**

**Puppy** **Class:*****Saturdays*** ***& Mondays***, rolling enrollment. **This class is for puppies from 2 and 5 months on the first day of class. It provides positive socialization experiences, solutions to common nuisance behaviors (e.g., chewing, nipping), and a strong foundation for future obedience skills, including loose-leash walking, sits/downs, and stays/recalls. “Rolling enrollment” means that you *start at any point of the six-week cycle of classes* and attend two classes a week: Saturdays at 10:00 am and Mondays at 6:00 pm. However, if you’d never be able to attend on Saturdays or Mondays, you can enroll for just one class per week. Puppies attending at least six Puppy classes can be AKC certified as S.T.A.R. puppies! (2 classes per week, $195; 1 class per week, $170)**

**Intro to Force-Free Obedience: *Tuesdays****,* next class starts April 22, at 7;30 pm; ***Wednesdays***, next class starts April 23 at 6:00 pm**This class is for dogs who have NOT yet taken a class with Playful Pups, (including pups who are already 5 months old and ineligible for Puppy Class). Positive reinforcement is used to teach the same skills that are taught in Basic Obedience classes. However, dogs who have not yet learned the foundation skills taught in Playful Pups puppy classes would best be served in *this* class, making it perfect for grown dogs that are new to force-free training and new to learning in a group class environment.** **(6 weeks, $170)**

**Basic Obedience L:** ***Tuesdays,*** *n*ext class starts April 22, at 6:00 pm. **This class is for dogs that have graduated from a Basic Obedience or Intro to Force-Free Obedience class. Traditional skills such as Sit, Down, Come, and Leave it are included. However Basic L focuses on teaching Loose-leash walking skills and developing ways to deal with on-leash reactivity, while Basic S focuses more on stationary** **behaviors promoting calmness, such as Settles, Stays, Waits, and door manners. The two classes may be taken in either order, but both should be taken to have a complete Basic Obedience education. (6 weeks, $170)**

**Basic Obedience S:.**  ***Mondays,*** next class starts April 21 at 7:30 pm**.This class is for dogs that have graduated from a Basic Obedience or an Intro to Force-Free Obedience class. Traditional skills such as Sit, Down, Come, and Leave it are taught. However Basic S focuses on stationary behaviors promoting calmness, such as Settles, Stays, and Waits, while Basic L focuses on teaching Loose-leash walking skills and ways to deal with leash reactivity. The two classes may be taken in either order, but both should be taken to have a complete Basic Obedience education. (6 weeks, $170)**

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***APRIL* Schedule of Classes, cont.**

**Intermediate Obedience:** ***Saturdays,*** next class starts April 19, at 11:30 am.  **If you have already taken a Playful Pups class and your dog has strong Basic Obedience skills, taking this class will refine and expand them. Continuing to use the foundation skills you learned in Basic classes, you will now apply them to off-leash heeling, distance recalls, and solid stays. You will also learn skills such as “Stand for Exam” and “Finish,” which are needed if you compete in an AKC Obedience trial. This a great course for a dog that already has basic manners and an owner who wants to do more! (6 weeks, $170)**

**Real-World Obedience:*****Saturdays,***next class starts April 19, at 1:30 pm. **This is for dogs with reliable Basic Obedience skills, although graduation from Intermediate and/or Advanced Obedience is preferred! Force-Free methods are used to help owners practice navigating interactions between their dogs and other dogs, people, and situations. Behaviors include sitting politely for attention, settling quietly at the owner’s feet, and walking on a loose-leash, even when distracted. Several classes will take place off-site, in the Real World! (6 weeks, $170)**

**Rally Obedience: *Thursdays,*** *n*ext class starts April 24, at 6:00 pm**. This class is for dog/handler teams who have developed good Obedience skills and want to continue working together! Teams are asked to heel on-leash through a numbered course of 12 to 17 stations, each requiring a simple obedience skill, such sit, lie down, circle, and Call Front/Finishes. Those who have taken Novice Rally will be introduced to the Intermediate and Advanced skills. Because Rally is a competitive sport, you and your dog can enter events and even earn AKC Rally Obedience titles! (6 weeks. ($170)**

**Canine Good Citizen Prep: *Thursdays,*** next class starts April 3, at 6:00 pm**. These sessions acquaint the dog and handler team with what they will need to do when being evaluated to earn their Canine Good Citizen designation. The CGC test will be offered at the last class, on. Your dog may be tested without this class; however, we offer it for those who would like to refine their skills as well as practice at the test location. (3 weeks, $90)**

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