

# Puppy School

## What is Puppy School?

Puppy School is ideal for assisting puppies from 8-16 weeks to develop positive socialisation behaviours. Dogs that are well socialised as puppies develop into confident animals, able to behave appropriately in public when they may otherwise feel threatened and display inappropriate aggression.

## What Will My Puppy and I Learn?

At Puppy School, you will learn:

- What is normal behaviour, and just what to expect from your puppy.
- You will be taught how to handle your puppy, given advice on basic veterinary care, as well as guidance on grooming and coat condition.
- General health topics such as nutrition, diet and dental care are covered.
- You are guided through teaching basic obedience—*sit*, *drop*, *stay* and *come*—and toilet training.
- This is also a great opportunity to discuss the benefits of desexing, vaccination, and micro-chipping, as well as ask any other health-related questions you may have.

Most importantly it will be a positive and fun experience for you puppy, in a safe environment.

## Class Enrolment Information

The Bendigo Animal Hospital Puppy School is run by our very experienced head veterinary nurse. Each program is run over four weeks, on Wednesday evenings, from 7-8 pm. The classes focus on teaching you and your pet how to look after each other, and develop a rewarding relationship.

To enrol in Puppy School, please phone us or drop into our clinic.

**Please note:** Enrolments are essential, and your puppy will need to be up-to-date with vaccination and worming before attending. Please check these details when enrolling.

If you have any further questions about Puppy School, or about any issue related to your pet, members of our veterinary staff are happy to speak with you.