



## Manners, Socialization and Training

Puppies and dogs take time to housebreak, socialize and obedience train. We strongly recommend that everyone adopting a puppy or dog attend a good training class within the first month of taking their pet home. Teaching your dog manners is crucial to the long-term success of your adoption and teaching your dog these manners in a humane, positive way is critical to establishing a good relationship between you and your pet.

To help you achieve these goals, **Delaware Humane Association**, in cooperation with **Playtime Doggie Daycare & Pet Salon** and **Positive Results Dog Training LLC**, offers indoor training classes year-round. DHA classes are held at Playtime's facility, conveniently located at 62 Albe Drive, Suites A & E, Old Baltimore Pike Industrial Park (off of Old Baltimore Pike), in Newark, DE.

**Puppy Kindergarten**      A 6 week course for puppies 3 to 6 months of age

**Adolescent & Adult Basic Manners**      A 6 week course for dogs 6 months of age and up

*DHA does charge for these courses as they are open to the public. Additional courses are also available from time to time. Course schedules, pricing, and online registration are available at [dehumane.org/dogtraining](http://dehumane.org/dogtraining). DHA adopters are eligible to receive a discount on the course fee.*

Delaware Humane also offers **post-adoption counseling for all DHA dogs, for life**. Please call us if you are having a problem - we can't help you if we don't know about the situation.

Additionally, we recommend the following trainers:

**Positive Results Dog Training LLC**

Nancy Fitzgerald, CPDT-KA, PMCT

(302) 761-9125 | [nfitzgerald@positiveresultsdogtraining.com](mailto:nfitzgerald@positiveresultsdogtraining.com)

[positiveresultsdogtraining.com](http://positiveresultsdogtraining.com)

*Offers group and private basic manners courses, as well as specialty classes for dog-aggressive dogs, in-home training and behavior modification.*

**Progressive Dog Training**

Wendy Young

(610) 565-2559

*Offers group and private training, including behavior modification.*

**Greenwood Dog Training**

Susan Greenhold

(302) 234-3339

*Offers group classes from beginning levels through competition.*

**NOTE:** There are several trainers in the area, but we urge you to exercise caution if you choose to use someone other than the trainers listed above. Always ask what methods and types of equipment are used, and ask if you can observe a class before you sign up. We do not recommend trainers who routinely use metal slip collars ("choke chains") or prong collars ("pinch collars").