

THE GRAND TRAVERSE KENNEL CLUB
AND
THE CHERRYLAND HUMANE SOCIETY
ANNOUNCE A NEW COLLABORATION!

Northern Michigan's **ORIGINAL** Puppy Kindergarten

By Laura Salvatore of Nitelite Goldens



Providing the tools to build healthy, happy, POLITE puppies since 1987

Puppy Kindergarten is for puppies 7 to 20 weeks. The focus is on socialization, housebreaking, biting and chewing problems, teaching the puppy to sit, stay, lie down, walk nicely on a leash, and to come when called. Grooming and general health are also discussed. Families with children are WELCOME and encouraged to attend. **5 weeks \$125.00, \$25 of every tuition paid will be donated to the Cherryland Humane Society**

Classes are held on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm at the Cherryland Humane Society.

Please call or email Laura for class start dates

THE WINNING EDGE Show Dog Handling

For owners of purebred dogs wishing to compete in AKC or UKC breed rings. Class is run like a show ring, with both first time handlers and seasoned veterans. You will learn to present your dog to its very best advantage – focus is on structure, stacking, gaiting, ring patterns and procedures, grooming, handler attire, and the point system, with finishing a champion the goal. For dogs 3 months and up. *Our class participants have been finishing champions, winning specialties, and competing successfully at Westminster for over 20 years!*

Classes are held on Monday nights at 7:15 pm at the Cherryland Humane Society

Walk-ins welcome. Punch Cards available.

CONTACT LAURA to enroll or with any questions @ (231) 947-5769, (231) 620-0939 or

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"I enjoyed the class alot, and Caydin did to, he learned many things as to basic house training, it inspired me, as it will to others, I would strongly recamend this class"

Connor (age 11)



"Cuba"

At first, you might think that puppy kindergarten is all about your dog. How he behaves, how he thinks and how good he'll be when he (or she) graduates. Surprisingly, it's not. It's far more about how you interact with your dog and how your dog learns through that interaction. My wife and I learned far more than our puppy did. His real lessons came later as we applied what we had learned. Today, our 'Cuba' is a great dog who loves people, is well behaved and is very happy. We now live in Key West and it is the most dog-friendly town we've ever seen. People bring their dogs everywhere from shopping at Home Depot and to their favorite bars on a Friday night. We're proud to bring ours out with us anywhere because he's so well behaved. Our class leader was Laura Salvatore and through her class, we have had nothing but joy with our buddy.

Tim & Janie Watson
Key West, FL

Laura Salvatore's puppy class is really fun!

I took my eight week old boxer, Reagan, to Laura's class on the recommendation of the T.C. Kennel Club.

My boxer puppy didn't care to play with other dogs even if they were twice her size. She would rather show them she was boss. By the second week Laura had Reagan playing with every dog in the class.

Laura teaches everything from grooming tips to obedience for puppies and she presents the information in an entertaining format based on years of practical experience.

Laura's class is a gift to every dog and his owner for many years to come. Don't miss this great opportunity for you and your dog, lots of fun and good information!

Nancy Kennedy and Lady Reagan Kennedy



"Noah"

"We enrolled Noah, our Golden Retriever, in Puppy Kindergarten in 2004. The results were remarkable! Laura really knows how to bring out the

best in each breed, and give the owners the keys to getting the most from their puppy. Noah is a beautiful adult now, and is the best behaved dog I've ever known. This early training has paid immeasurable benefits."

Steve and Pam Cook

I took the Puppy Kindergarten class with my miniature dachshund Gretel. She was my first dog so I had no references to compare my current experiences to. I felt I was extremely motivated to do the right things for my puppy, but had no real clue as to how to proceed. Attending these classes gave me my track to run on regarding the basics of training my dog. I now have a 13 month old young adult that, in my opinion (and others) is very loveable, gentle, well behaved and just a joy to be around.

Brad Sturtevant

"The Puppy Kindergarten class was so much fun, for both my dog and myself. I will admit I was dreading the course because I was sure that my dog was simply beyond hope, that he would be so much worse behaved than all the other dogs and that I would feel constantly stressed and embarrassed. It turns out that my dog LOVED the challenges presented to him and the different exercises he learned in the course and he ended up being at the head of the class, and a real joy to be around. The constant encouragement and support from Laura was priceless and she made me feel right at home and very capable. There is no other training course that can compare to this one in Traverse City, and I highly recommend it!"

MIRIAM



Doggie socializing is a must for pet and show dogs. We love to come to see "Auntie Laura" on Monday nights. Every class is a positive experience for the dogs involved. It's also lots of fun for the owners. We are so fortunate to have Laura in the Traverse City area to help prepare our babies for their ring experience. Thanks, Laura, for all you do for us and that includes evaluating new litters. You are the best.

Sally Watkeys and the S'Dandi Shih Tzu



**My Breeder says I can't and Laura says I can. Guess what...I can!
Just last weekend my girl went Best of Winners and I was on the other end of the lead.**

There is nothing quite like being able to show off your beautiful dog and it gets even better when your dog wins! I had bought books about showing dogs and they are collecting dust. I've learned everything I needed to know in Laura's Show Dog Handling classes. And, I've made some wonderful friends in class too.

Pat Sawin

Laura Salvatore has been teaching Puppy Kindergarten and Show Dog Handling classes in the Traverse City area for close to 25 years. Laura is the owner of Nitelite Golden Retrievers, breeding champion AKC Golden Retrievers for show, companion, and performance.

Laura's training philosophy is to teach the owners and handlers how to understand their individual dogs, and to build mutual respect, thereby utilizing the dog's natural instincts to please and creating a happy, loving team. She encourages families with children participate, so that the youngsters are empowered to handle their pets properly and successfully. And she is adamant that it be *fun* for both human AND canine! Her results speak for themselves, with many clients returning to her classes with their second, third, and even fourth dogs. She says she realizes how long she has been doing this when she sees the children and grandchildren of her first clients attending classes with their dogs! (She will then tell you that she was only 10 when she started teaching!)

"I consider it a privilege and my joy to help our community's families with their pets, and to be able to experience the joy and companionship that a well behaved dog can add to their lives. I am also thrilled beyond words when my Show Dog Handling students have successes and call me from a show to tell me they have won - I feel as if I have won, too!"

