

## **Vaccination ‘&’ Exam Requirements for Group Classes & Private Training**

**Owner given vaccinations are not recognized:** For the safety of both our Clients Puppies/Dogs in our Classes and Private Training and for our own Dogs safety we ONLY recognize vaccinations given by a Licensed Veterinarian &/or a Licensed Veterinarian Technician (for their Veterinarian) with written proof provided. For proof of Veterinarian Vaccinations including Rabies please provide copies (we may keep) of your Veterinarian’s actual individual Receipts/Invoices (they will clearly have: Veterinarian Business Receipt/Invoice Letter Head showing their Veterinarian Business Name/Address, what was given by who and when/date, your name and Puppy/Dog’s Name, etc.) and a copy of your Puppy/Dog’s Rabies Certificate. ***Please Note: If you do not have proof of Vaccinations given by a Licensed Veterinarian or Veterinarian Technician please sign up instead for an Online Group Class, not a Physical Group Class.*** Questions please ask in advance – **No Refunds.**

**Veterinarian Exams Required for New Puppies/Dogs to your Home by ‘your’ Veterinarian:** **For New Puppies/Dogs to your home** (including Breeders who are keeping their own puppy from their litter) they must have been examined by your Veterinarian before attending their first class (this policy is in place for safety, as this allows your Veterinarian time to catch any major health issues &/or contagious health issues/risks before bringing them to class). “Veterinarian Receipt/Invoice Copy of your Veterinarian Exam is required; this needs to be a copy we may keep for our files”. Remember your Veterinarian is there for you and your Pets to help maintain the healthiest Pet possible for you, your Pet, and family. They do not work for a Breeder, Rescue Group, Shelter, etc. where you got your Puppy/Dog – They are your advocate.

**New Puppies/Dogs must have been in your Home for a minimum of a full 10 Calendar Days or longer before attending the First Week Class with the Puppies/Dogs.**

**Fecals: New Puppies/Dogs to your Home – Test BEFORE signing up for a Class.** Testing for Parasites (Worms, Giardia, Coccidia, etc.) – Puppies/Dogs testing positive for Giardia and/or Coccidia are unable to attend a Physical Group Class until they have a Negative Test and Letter from your Veterinarian they are approved to return to Classes – Proof they are no longer contagious. Once they are negative - before returning to Class please make sure the Puppy/Dog has been bathed and all bedding washed. Please understand Parasites and their eggs dropping can be contagious to others. ***Puppies/Dogs that are contagious may do Online Group Classes from your Home only.***

**Puppies under 16 weeks of Age:** Must be current on all core vaccinations based on their age. Puppies under 16 weeks of age must be current and kept current in their vaccination schedule (7 weeks to the day and after), until all vaccinations have been given at around 16 weeks of age and Rabies when time appropriate. Proof of all Vaccinations to date and going forward as they receive the remaining vaccinations copies are required, copies we may keep on file. **Needed: #1:** Any Signed Breeder Statements, Rescue Statement or Receipts/Invoices, or Veterinarian Receipts/Invoices of core Vaccinations given before you got the puppy for vaccinations given 7 Weeks to the day or after. **#2:** Then, after you get the puppy you must provide #1, as well your own Veterinarian Receipts/Invoices of vaccines and exam with your Personal Veterinarian – copies of Invoices/Receipts we may keep for our files. **#3:** No Attending/Visiting Dog Parks and/or High Risk Areas while attending the Surviving Puppyhood Baby Puppy Class.

**Puppies & Dogs over 16 weeks of Age:** Must be current on all core vaccinations including Rabies. Once Rabies vaccination has been given 6 months of age or younger, please provide a copy of the Certificate we may keep on file for your puppy. Proof of all annual core vaccinations are required (Veterinarian Receipts/Invoices), copies we may keep for our files.

**Bordetella (also known as Kennel Cough) Vaccine:** Although is not required, it is ‘highly’ recommended every 6 months as it can be highly contagious to other puppies/dogs, especially for high risk dogs. **Please discuss the benefits with your Veterinarian.** This is a vaccination Veterinarians, Trainers, Boarding Facilities either highly recommend or require with dogs that are around other dogs in public settings (examples but not limited to: Boarding Facilities, Doggy Day Care, Dog Parks, Groomers, Group Classes, Dog Sports, Competition Dogs, Confirmation/Show Dogs, walking out in public where there are other dogs – especially if you Travel out of the area) as they are at a higher risk level to pick up and pass on (sometimes even when showing no symptoms). Although normal healthy dogs may easily seem to heal from Kennel Cough, other puppies and dogs do not and are at a much higher risk if you expose them to your sick dog (example: young puppies, old dogs, puppies or dogs with auto immune issues as these dogs immune systems may not be able to fight them off as well as a normal healthy adult dog).

**Puppies/Dogs with Kennel Cough may not attend Physical Group Classes** until they are a full 7 days+ since their last sneeze, cough, medicine, and your Veterinarian is willing to provide a signed letter on their letterhead that your Puppy/Dog is no longer contagious and may return to a Physical Group Class. **Please leave Puppies/Dogs at home if other Dogs at home are contagious – same rules apply!** Please understand this can be highly contagious, even when no obvious symptoms are present. *Puppies/Dogs that are contagious may do Online Group Classes from your Home only.*

**Canine Flu Vaccine:** **We highly recommend you speak to and discuss with your Veterinarian about getting this Vaccination for your Puppy/Dog** – Especially for high risk Puppies/Dogs (examples but not limited to: Boarding Facilities, Dog Parks, Doggy Day Care, Groomers, Group Classes, Dog Sports, Competition Dogs, Confirmation/Show Dogs, walking out in public where there are other dogs – especially if you Travel out of the area) as they are at a higher risk level to pick up and pass on.

**Titers:** For dogs over 2 years of age who are doing Titer Tests. Please discuss with us before signing up for a Physical Group Class.

**Special Health Concerns/Issues:** Please speak with us and address well in advance before signing up for a Physical Group Class.

**Sick/ill/Contagious Puppies/Dogs & Puppies/Dogs In Heat:** May not attend Physical Group Classes and/or Private Training until no longer in heat, cleared by their Veterinarian as healthy and no longer contagious – a written letter on your Veterinarian’s Letterhead and signed by your Veterinarian must be provided with a statement they are no longer contagious and are safe to return to Physical Group Classes. *Puppies/Dogs that are ill, sick, contagious or are In Heat may do Online Group Classes from your Home only, not attend Physical Group Classes.*

**Spay/Neuters:** At the earliest, Puppies/Dogs may not attend until Day #8 after a Spay or Neuter, as long as no complications, and your Veterinarian approves attending Class is safe to do so – Not before. Dogs in Heat may NOT attend Group Training Classes. They may attend K9 Nose Work Classes, but only in Panties, and very last dog of the Class Running one time. *For Classes missed during this time you may attend Class in person without your Puppy/Dog.*

**Ongoing Training and/or K9NW Clients: Updated Copies are due January of every Calendar year.**