

Positive reinforcement training:

- This involves giving your dog something it wants to make the behaviour more likely to occur again.
- It is the most humane, scientifically proven and effective way to train dogs and the only methods recommended by the Australian Veterinary Association and our clinic.
- We train using treats in the beginning to get that quick association to the behaviour we want to occur more often; then we fade out the treats & ask for the behaviours using a verbal cue or hand signal.

Punishment based training:

We do not recommend or train dogs this way because...

- The dog doesn't learn what is "right" or what is wanted from them.
- Its likely to increase anxiety, defensive aggression, and learned helplessness.
- Animals can habituate to punishment— causing owners to feel the need to escalate intensity.
- It doesn't support a healthy animal-human bond.



OPENING HOURS AT ORANGE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

MONDAY—FRIDAY

8.30AM—5.30PM

SATURDAY:

8.30AM—12.00PM

Consultations are by appointment.

Our Graduates



Puppy Pre-School



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We have two trainers running our Puppy Pre-School sessions.

- ◆ **Rosie Rowse**- Our Practice Manager; who is also a Veterinary Nurse & Delta accredited dog trainer. Rosie has over 12 years of experience in the animal care industry and has always had a particular interest in Dog training and behaviour.
- ◆ **Bridget Gibbons**- who has a bachelor's degree in Animal science, qualified vet nurse and has completed additional studies in behaviour and training.

They both aim is to start every puppy and their families off on the right 'paw' and set them up for success in their new homes to prevent unwanted behaviours before they even occur.

Week.1.

- **Puppy Free**—human information night about a range of topics such as toilet training, mouthing, enrichment and how they learn.

Week.2.

- **We learn to sit, swap & leave it**
- **Calming techniques**
- **Name recognition & to go to their mat**

Week.3.

- **We learn drop & stand**
- **Puppy handling techniques**— training for cooperative care
- **Discuss diet**— what to feed & what to avoid

Week.4.

- **Extension of previously taught behaviours**
- **Learn a tick for graduation**
- **What our dogs were originally bred for & how this affects us.**
- **Discuss jumping & meal time manners**

Graduation

- **Discussion on de-sexing, growth & appropriate exercise**
- **Come/Recall training**
- **Responsible pet ownership**
- **Perform all tricks learnt & graduate together :)**



What to bring:

WEEK ONE- INFORMATION NIGHT

- **Payment method of choice (Cash only)**
- **Student profile (if not already handed in)**
- **Vaccination certificate (if not already been sighted by staff)**
- **Pen & paper (if you wish to take notes)**

ALL OTHER WEEKS

- **Mat/bed**—preferably thick, flat & comfy
- **Treats**— needs to get their attention in a distracting environment e.g. cabanossi, cheese, cooked chicken.
- **Chews**— something to calm & focus on e.g. dental chew, pigs ears/trotters.