



LUNE VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

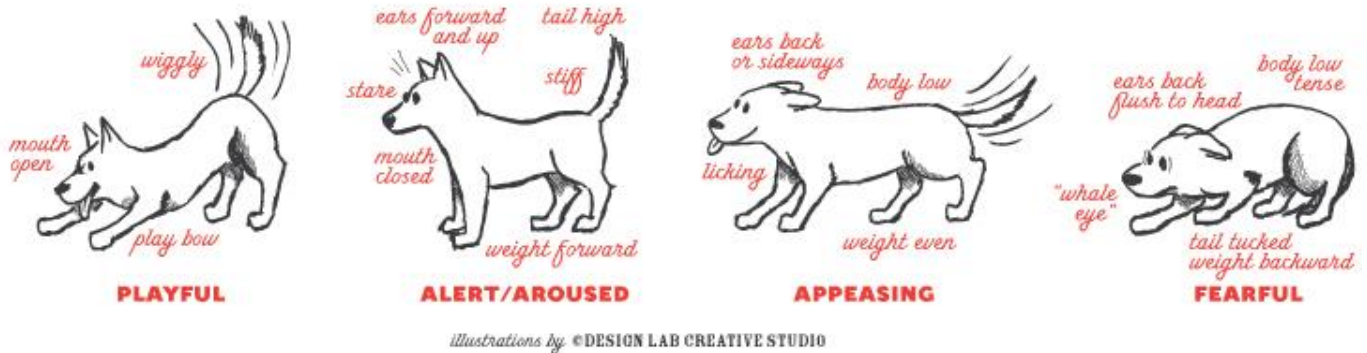
Keep the training sessions short, tired dogs don't learn. Mental work can be more tiring than physical activity. Training before a meal is better, no-one works well on a full stomach, puppies included. Remember to keep the sessions frequent and varied.

TEACHING YOUR PUPPY TO SIT

1. Call your puppies name and get their attention.
2. Show your puppy you have a food treat in your hand, slowly raise the treat above his head, as the head comes up the bottom must go down.
3. As the pup's bottom touches the floor give the 'sit' command and immediately reward.
4. Slowly increase the time you keep the puppy in the sit before giving them the treat.

MEETING OTHER DOGS

Being aware of your puppy's (and other dog's) body language can give you a good clue as to how they are feeling and are going to react to a situation, hopefully allowing you to anticipate and avoid 'trouble'.



RESPONSIBILITY AND CARE

As a pet owner you should know the basic principles of owning a puppy, we would encourage you to use the Canine Code and Good Citizen Dog Scheme Puppy Foundation literature found on the Kennel Club website. Specific areas to be aware of -

- a) Cleanliness and identification we have already touched on in week 1.
- b) Recognition of basic health problems - get your puppy used to being 'checked over'. When puppy is relaxed gently look in his ears, lift his gums and check his mouth and teeth, check his eyes, get him used to having his paws handled and nails checked. Run your hands through their coat checking for fleas or ticks, lumps bumps or wounds.
- c) Health protection for the puppy – ensure your puppy is vaccinated and continues to have annual vet checks and booster vaccinations, ensure they are wormed regularly, your vet will supply you with the right dose of wormer for your puppy.
- d) Teething and chewing - be aware that as puppies get their adult teeth at around 16 weeks of age they are more likely to chew. Provide them with appropriate toys or chews and be careful when playing as their mouths will be tender.
- e) Socialisation with people and other dogs we will work on in class