

Supporting Paws Foundation Puppy Policy

Supporting Paws Foundation understands that there are great benefits to beginning your puppy's training from the moment you bring him home. Owners of puppies should be aware, however, that placing a puppy in a class setting before the puppy is fully vaccinated (typically by 16 weeks of age) may increase the puppy's risk for disease or infection.

Supporting Paws Foundation will accept puppies younger than 16 weeks into training classes on a case-by-case basis. Supporting Paws Foundation will consider:

- whether the puppy's mother was vaccinated, as the mother's vaccination provides the puppy with some level of protection against deadly diseases.
- whether the puppy came from a healthy environment. If the puppy came from a shelter or a puppy mill, diseases or infections are sometimes not apparent for a few weeks, and including such a puppy in a class could be placing other puppies at risk.

The owner should watch for any coughing, diarrhea, or vomiting from the puppy, and if any occur, the owner should take the puppy to the veterinarian immediately. The owner will be asked to sign the waiver form below if he/she decides to proceed with training before the puppy is fully vaccinated.

I, _____, understand that there may be a risk to the health of my puppy, _____, if I begin training the puppy in a public environment before the puppy is fully vaccinated. I have discussed this with my veterinarian and wish to enroll the puppy in Supporting Paws Foundation's Obedience for Puppies class. **I understand that if the puppy begins coughing, vomiting, or has any diarrhea, I should take the puppy to the veterinarian immediately.**

I hereby waive and release Supporting Paws Foundation, hereinafter SPF, and its officers, board of directors, and agents, from any illness resulting from the puppy not being fully vaccinated. In consideration of and as inducement for the acceptance of my application for training by SPF, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless SPF, its officers, board of directors and agents from any and all claims as a result of my decision to enter my puppy in class before the puppy has been fully vaccinated. I certify that I am over 18 years of age and of sound mind.

Signature:

Date: _____