

# Obedience / Training

Basic obedience and puppy classes are a great way to get to know your new dog. Even if your dog is already well behaved, an obedience class is a great way to learn socialization, proper boundaries and (for the owner) leadership skills.

Puppies should receive regular baths, brushing, and nail trims to get them accustomed to these procedures. Socializing also includes taking the pup out of the house and introducing them to a variety of different people and animals.

## Suggested reading:

*How to Raise a Puppy* by the Monks of New Skete  
*Mother Knows Best* by Carol Lea Benjamin  
*Be a Pack Leader* by Cesar Millan  
*Cesar's Way* by Cesar Millan

## Local Obedience Trainers:

Avante Garde	892-2001 - Windham
Shangri-La	784-4685 - Auburn
Gooddogz	671-2522 - Portland ( <a href="http://www.gooddogztraining.com">www.gooddogztraining.com</a> )
Saccarappa	854-3647 - Westbrook ( <a href="http://www.socdogs.org">www.socdogs.org</a> )
Sherry Britton	741-2091 – Gorham, Me ( <a href="http://www.petpositive.net">www.petpositive.net</a> )
Liz Langham	846-1690 North Yarmouth ( <a href="http://www.treefrogfarmdogtraining.com">www.treefrogfarmdogtraining.com</a> )
Karen Campbell	761-4785 - Portland
Great Falls Obedience	784-7578 - Lewiston