

Learn More!

WELCOME!

At Wags & Whiskers there's a place ~ as well as special accommodations ~ for **ALL** dogs, from newborn pups to those precious souls enjoying their golden years. And Wags is excited to announce the latest addition to its campus ~ **Growing Up Pups**, the area's **FIRST** and **ONLY** structured puppy program which provides your youngsters, 8-16 weeks old, with the skills and training vital for proper socialization and adaptation to their new environment

The first three months of a puppy's life are critical and needs include exposure to new people, animals, and stimuli. Incomplete or improper socialization during this important time can increase the risk of behavioral problems later in life including fear, avoidance, and/or aggression.

That's why it's **VITAL** that new puppies are enrolled in a structured program such as **Growing Up Pups** prior to three months of age. After extensive research and consultation with four local veterinarians, we designed our program to include activities that encourage obedience while teaching basic commands and providing positive experiences that build your puppy's confidence and turn them into happy, healthy and well-behaved members of the family.

Key training components include:

- Stimuli Training – This includes exposure to audio recordings and could include but are not limited to, thunder, sirens, doorbells, vacuum cleaner, alarms, traffic noises and fireworks.
- Zen Grooming Techniques –This promotes relaxation during activities such as ear checking, nail trimming, mouth and gum examines, teeth brushing and being wiped with a towel. It also includes dog handling practices like putting on a collar or harness.
- Enrichment Activities – These include snuffle mat, seek-a-treat bone, sniff safari, picture taking, puzzles and scavenger hunt etc.
- Confidence Building – These activities include agility sports, obstacle courses, stairs, paw print paint signs and canine core conditioning.
- Socialization Training – Your puppy will become familiar with people of different ethnicities, sizes and voice tones in addition to people wearing hats, sunglasses, backpacks, helmets or using canes, walkers, and wheelchairs.

Once a month your puppy will also be taken on a field trip where they will be introduced to new environments such as outings to Home Depot, PetSmart and river trails, etc.

As you can see, Wags & Whiskers is **VERY** committed to ensuring your baby is the best they can be. And Puppy Socialization is definitely not an “all or nothing” project. The more people and experiences a puppy is introduced to, the easier it is to help shape a more happy and relaxed member of society. Just as children learn by early encounters, puppies too can develop a wealth of happy experiences. Controlling these experiences with positive socialization will result in a well-behaved, confident and relaxed family member.

To reduce risk, puppies in the **Growing Up Pups** program should be of similar age and vaccination history and should be examined and found to be healthy by a veterinarian prior to starting classes. The puppies' second vaccine should be administered at least 14 days prior to the first class.

Pups this young normally haven't received all necessary shots, thus cleanliness is paramount to good health. Because of this, pets in the **Growing Up Pups** program will be in controlled environment which receives maximum sanitation to ensure unsurpassed safety and cleanliness to keep our tiny guests happy and healthy!

All puppies will also receive daily progress reports so you may track their progress with ease. Upon program completion, your pup will participate in a graduation ceremony to which you are invited to attend.

Program hours are from 8:00am to 6:00pm, Monday-Friday.

## CLASS SCHEDULE

6:00-8:00a Drop Off

8:00am-8:30am Meet and Greet with playmates with \*Stimuli Training

8:30am-9:00am Nap

9:00am-11:00am Individual Training Sessions (sit, stay, come, loose leash, name recognition)

11:00am-12:00pm Lunch

12:00pm-1:30pm Nap Time (Report Card emailed to parents)

1:00pm-2:00pm Socialization Training\*(Learning About Our World)

2:00pm-2:30pm Introduction to Zen Grooming \*

2:30pm-3:30pm Enrichment Activities\*, Snacks, Nap

3:30pm-4:30pm Confidence Building/Pup Projects\*

4:30pm-6:00pm Free Play/Pick Up

Since its inception, Wags & Whiskers' **ONLY** goal has been to provide the best care to ensure happy, healthy pets who are loved, cherished and treasured no matter what season of life they are in. Because of this standing mission, Wags has become **THE** premier dog boarding, daycare and enrichment center in the state, providing a mix of services. In addition to offering the first cage-free daycare where pups are never kenneled during the day, Wags also offers age and size-specific programs such as **Growing Up Pups** and the **Serenity Lounge**, designed for senior dogs who only want to relax and enjoy their Golden Years in a designated area featuring muted lighting, soft music, orthopedic beds and a private deck so they can laze in the sun's warming rays. Toy breeds have their own program called **Tiny Town** while small, medium and larger sized dogs enjoy playful days romping with their same-sized friends in three other playgroups.

And there's always something fun going on at Wags, whether it's a blowout birthday party, private cuddle time or nature walks followed by an ice cream social. Wags also thinks about the parents' convenience, offering a pick-up and delivery service to and from a pup's home and **The Yuppie Puppie**, a luxury bath and blowout bar featuring relaxing baths with fragrant shampoos, blowouts, a jaunty bandana, nail trimming, Dremel, potty trail trim and gland extraction..

But all the services in the world can't compare to Wags' most important feature ~ a diligent, loving staff and hands-on owner who truly consider your baby to be **THEIR** baby. So whatever your desire, Wags is the **ONLY** area daycare who can meet **ALL** your needs. When you're at Wags we treat you like family because to us, you **ARE** family!