



New Paws4training “Introducing Your Dog To Your Baby” Class

Many Expectant parents are concerned with how their first baby will get along with their new human baby. The secret is preparation.

This class will benefit:

- * Dogs by helping them adapt to the greater changes ahead of them, so they continue to be an integral part of the family and not banished to the back yard
- * Babies by helping to ensure safe interactions the “other baby”
- * Parents by reducing their anxieties and stress

What Do You Know About Children and Dogs?



1. All dogs naturally love children.
2. It's better to wait until a problem develops between your dog and baby before you deal with it.
3. Your dog will know you are pregnant and become protective of you.
4. Your dog will automatically become protective of your new baby.
5. Dogs don't understand when your child is trying to be friendly.
6. Every child should have a puppy.
7. Your dog will naturally know that your new baby is part of the family.
8. A dog who chases small animals is likely to be aggressive to your new baby.
9. Your dog will become jealous of your new baby and either try to hurt it or “act out” against you.
10. Your dog will be mad at you when you pay more attention to the baby than to him/her.

Answers: 1. F, 2. F, 3. F, 4. F, 5. T, 6. F, 7. F, 8. F, 9. F, 10. F

Warning Signs of Potential Problems With Your Dog and Baby

- Jumping up at the baby
- Consistently getting between you and the baby
- Excessive sniffing to the point of pushing the baby with her nose
- Excessive ‘mouthy’ behavior—licking the baby, pulling on the baby’s clothes, etc.
- Avoidance of the baby—dog leaves the room, or moves away whenever baby is near
- Fearful body postures
- Frequent displacement behaviors
- Barking or growling at the baby
- Lunging, snapping, showing teeth or trying to bite the baby

If your dog is showing any of these behaviors around the baby, you should take steps to protect the baby and change your dog’s behavior. It is especially important to address any barking, growling or threatening behavior directed at your baby.

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