

## **“ We just got a puppy”- Let the sleepless nights begin”!**

Puppies are cute and so much fun but when do they learn to sleep through the night and let us know they have to go out by barking at the back door? At what age will all that “puppy biting” stop and why doesn’t he chew the toys I bought him instead of my new leather shoes? All this and more is “normal” puppy life stages and just when you figure that all out, your puppy will head right into adolescence and want to borrow \$20 and drive the car, so get ready!

Take a deep breath.....there is light at the end of the tunnel and we will help guide you toward it. Puppies can be frustrating and lots of hard work, but if you make the extra effort now and set them up for success along the way, you’ll be well on your way to creating a canine companion you can live with for many years to come!

Let the games begin.....

### **Some of the puppy life stages we will cover in the articles to follow include:**

**Houstraining:** Puppy potty etiquette to keep you out of the elements (rain, snow, wind) and get a puppy that potties on command and happily eliminates most anywhere.

**Crate training:** Why it’s the most important necessary “evil” and how to make your puppy love being in there.

**Chew Toys:** what to give them so you can get much needed breaks and keep “small” minds well entertained!

**Jumping:** How to eliminate it before it even starts!

**Biting:** Puppies use their mouths to explore, I just wish they wouldn’t explore my hands and feet! How to “nip” puppy biting and determine if it’s something more!

**Exercise:** The more they get, the better we like them.....tired, tired, tired puppies are easy to love!

**Household Management:** Save the furniture! Save your sanity! Making puppies earn access to everything they need creates polite adult canine companions with impulse control! Set the rules now and enjoy your adult dog that much more!

**Training 101:** Improve your relationship, learn about your dog’s perspective and live happily ever after! Training at any age is fun and will help create the dog you always hoped to have!