

Holiday Stay and Train

A holiday homecoming with a head start on training

Imagine welcoming your Snickersdoodles puppy home for the holidays with a familiar routine and weeks of practice already underway. Our Holiday Stay & Train gives your puppy extra time to learn and grow while you prepare for their arrival. Choose 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 total weeks of training for puppies from our current litters, ready to begin between October 29 and November 23, 2026.

Give your family a head start on the everyday habits that matter most: potty routines, comfortable crate rest, polite greetings and listening skills. Each longer stay builds on the earlier weeks. Training begins at eight weeks old, so puppies complete these options at around 12 to 16 weeks of age.

Your puppy will receive around-the-clock care (24/7), in trainers’ homes, for the length of time enrolled in our program. Choose the stay that fits your puppy and your holiday plans. Our regular 1, 2 and 3 week options are also available. See the pricing page for your training investment.

Choose your puppy, then use the litter guide to see their pickup dates after 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 weeks of training. Every puppy can begin Stay & Train at eight weeks of age. Each option includes Weeks 1 through 3 plus the additional holiday training weeks selected.

Share your preferred pickup date with us so we can help you choose your puppy and training option. We will confirm trainer availability and pickup appointments before booking, including any dates that fall on a holiday.

Holiday pickup dates by litter

Find your litter below to plan your homecoming. These dates assume training starts when your puppy turns eight weeks old and continues for the full number of weeks selected.

Litter	Birth and start	4 weeks	5 weeks	6 weeks	7 weeks	8 weeks
Sugar / Romeo F1b mini Goldendoodles	Born Sep 3 Start Oct 29	Nov 26	Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 17	Dec 24
Lily Mae / Toby F1b Petite Goldendoodles	Born Sep 5 Start Oct 31	Nov 28	Dec 5	Dec 12	Dec 19	Dec 26
Georgie / Romeo F1b mini Goldendoodles	Born Sep 8 Start Nov 3	Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15	Dec 22	Dec 29
Lilah / Romeo F1b Petite Goldendoodles	Born Sep 13 Start Nov 8	Dec 6	Dec 13	Dec 20	Dec 27	Jan 3
Cinnamon / Rowdy F1b Standard Goldendoodles	Born Sep 17 Start Nov 12	Dec 10	Dec 17	Dec 24	Dec 31	Jan 7
Nelly / Romeo F1b mini Goldendoodles	Born Sep 19 Start Nov 14	Dec 12	Dec 19	Dec 26	Jan 2	Jan 9
Presley / Rowdy F2b Standard Goldendoodles	Born Sep 28 Start Nov 23	Dec 21	Dec 28	Jan 4	Jan 11	Jan 18

Stay and Train Pricing

Invest in a smoother start together. Each holiday week adds seven days of care in a trainer’s home, daily reinforcement and more time to build good habits for \$525/week. The regular rates apply to Weeks 1 through 3; add the holiday weeks that fit your family’s plans.

Regular program rates

Total training stay	Total training price
1 week	\$499
2 weeks	\$948
3 weeks	\$1,397

Holiday program rates

Total stay	Weeks 1 to 3	Additional holiday training	Total training price
4 weeks	\$1,397	1 × \$525 = \$525	\$1,922
5 weeks	\$1,397	2 × \$525 = \$1,050	\$2,447
6 weeks	\$1,397	3 × \$525 = \$1,575	\$2,972
7 weeks	\$1,397	4 × \$525 = \$2,100	\$3,497
8 weeks	\$1,397	5 × \$525 = \$2,625	\$4,022

For example, a 6 week stay includes the regular three week program at \$1,397 plus three additional weeks at \$525 each, for a total training price of \$2,972.

These are training fees in addition to the purchase price of your puppy. The \$525 weekly rate applies only to Weeks 4 through 8 of this limited holiday offer for our current litters.

Training terms All training is non-refundable and non-transferable.

The foundation from weeks 1 through 3

Our current Stay & Train program introduces a daily routine, crate and potty habits, name recognition, leash comfort and household socialization. Puppies begin practicing come, sit, down, place, crate, wait and off, then reinforce those skills in everyday routines. Training uses positive reinforcement and force free methods, with Baxter & Bella and continued Puppy Culture practices.

Week 4 Strengthening the foundation

A 4 week stay gives your puppy another week to practice the basics before coming home. The focus is clearer communication and more consistent responses in familiar surroundings.

- Practice familiar cues in short, enjoyable sessions. Begin reducing visible food lures where the puppy understands the cue, while continuing to reward success.
- Introduce leave it and a hand target such as touch. Use easy setups to help the puppy turn away from an item or reconnect with the trainer.
- Reward four paws on the floor during greetings, redirect mouthing to appropriate toys and practice short stretches of relaxed leash walking.
- Continue scheduled potty breaks, comfortable crate naps and brief periods of independent rest. Adjust the routine to the puppy's actual needs.
- Build comfort with gentle brushing, paw handling and everyday household activity, with breaks whenever the puppy needs them.

The benefit for your family A familiar routine and more practice with the basics, giving your family a helpful starting point for life together.

Week 5 Building patience and attention

A 5 week stay includes the earlier training and introduces small increases in difficulty. We work on helping your puppy stay engaged when something mildly interesting happens nearby.

- Add a little duration to sit, down, place and wait. Introduce a clear release cue, keeping each exercise easy enough for success.
- Practice attention and recall around mild distractions, using a leash or enclosed area for safety. Increase only one challenge at a time.
- Rehearse waiting briefly at a doorway or before a meal, and settling on a mat while the trainer sits nearby.
- Continue crate comfort and potty routines, noting any signals the puppy offers. Reward appropriate chewing and calm greetings throughout the day.

The benefit for your family Early practice with patience and self control, plus experience settling while normal household life continues nearby.

Week 6 Applying skills in everyday life

A 6 week stay builds on the first five weeks by practicing familiar skills in different situations. The emphasis is helping your puppy understand that a cue still applies when the setting changes.

- Practice sit, down, come, place, crate and wait in different rooms and suitable outdoor settings. Introduce modest changes in duration, distance or distraction separately.
- Build relaxed leash habits through short walks, changes of direction and rewards for checking in with the trainer.
- Practice polite greetings with another suitable person and returning attention to the trainer after a distraction.
- Rehearse a household sequence such as a potty break, a short training session, play and a restful crate nap.
- Continue positive experiences with handling, car travel and new sights and sounds, choosing environments appropriate to the puppy's health and comfort.

The benefit for your family A puppy who has practiced their skills beyond a single training session, helping you carry those habits into everyday life at home.

Week 7 Practicing holiday household manners

A 7 week stay includes more rehearsal for the activity a puppy may encounter during the holidays. Experiences remain calm and manageable so the puppy can learn without becoming overwhelmed.

- Practice a visitor routine with a helper: hear a knock, reconnect with the trainer, go to a mat and greet calmly when ready.
- Reward settling nearby while people talk, prepare a meal or move around the room. Keep sessions brief and build gradually.
- Use safe practice setups for leave it around everyday objects and holiday distractions. Keep decorations, cords and tempting items out of reach rather than relying on a cue alone.
- Continue recall, leash walking and doorway manners with slightly more activity nearby, returning to easier exercises when needed.
- Rehearse quiet rest away from household activity and continue gentle grooming practice. Match exposure and separation exercises to the individual puppy's comfort.

The benefit for your family Extra preparation for holiday visitors and household activity, with practice settling and reconnecting with their person. Keep a quiet resting space ready at home.

Week 8 Consolidating skills for home

Choose our 8 week stay for the fullest head start in this holiday program. With extra weeks of care and repetition, your puppy has more opportunities to practice good habits before coming home. The final week brings those skills together and prepares your family to keep the progress going.

- Review familiar cues across everyday routines and suitable settings, noting which responses are consistent and which still need close guidance.
- Continue gradually building duration on place or down. Introduce or reinforce a separate stay cue if useful and appropriate for the puppy's progress.
- Practice calm greetings, leash attention, recall in a secure setting, appropriate chewing and settling while the trainer is occupied nearby.
- Review crate and potty habits using the puppy's actual routine. Identify signs, common accident triggers and the supervision needed at home.

- Rehearse the family's expected home routine where practical, and identify a few simple priorities for the first days together.

The benefit for your family Our most extensive holiday training option gives your puppy more time to build a practiced foundation and gives you clear next steps for continuing their progress.

How we choose the pace

The weekly outline guides the trainer's focus; it does not require every puppy to reach the same milestone on the same day. We use short sessions, play, sleep and repeated daily practice. If a skill becomes too difficult, we simplify it and rebuild success. Potty and overnight routines follow the puppy's needs, rather than a promised number of hours.

Bringing your puppy home

Bring home more than a puppy — bring home a routine you can build on. Your training summary and recap videos show the cues and habits your puppy has practiced. Your Stay & Train includes a leash, collar and toy, plus age appropriate vaccinations and deworming when needed.

Use your puppy's training summary and videos to continue the same cue words, rewards and daily rhythm at home. Keeping potty breaks, crate rest and short practice sessions familiar helps your puppy settle in while you enjoy getting to know each other.

This program is designed to create a strong puppy foundation, but it is not intended to produce a fully trained dog. Families should expect to continue practicing and reinforcing training at home.

Reserve your holiday training stay

Start by choosing your puppy from one of our current litters and sharing your preferred homecoming date. We will help you select the training stay that fits, then confirm trainer availability and pickup arrangements. This special holiday extension is available for our current litters this season only. Give your puppy extra time to prepare while you get ready to welcome them home.

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