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Remember that our classes are especially designed to help the whole family have success with your new pet.

So set your rules, then bring the pet home.



Classes are \$15 per dog, per class.  
Unless you have a voucher.

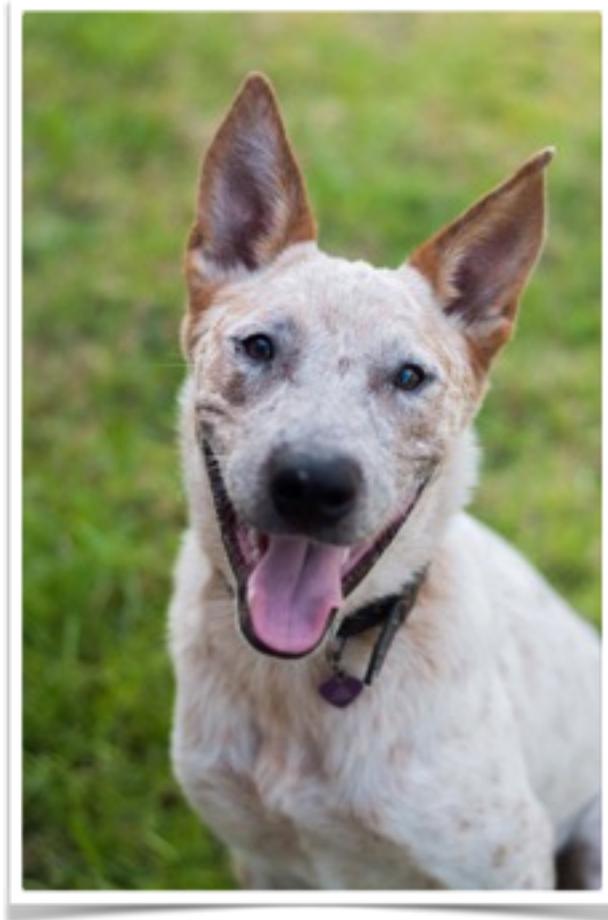
**Classes held at the following times and locations:**

Saturdays at 10:30am at the Paws Darwin Shelter: 2/3 Moo Street Berrimah.

Monday nights at 6pm at Salvation Army Church Hall: Cnr of Temple Terrace and Woodroffe Avenue.

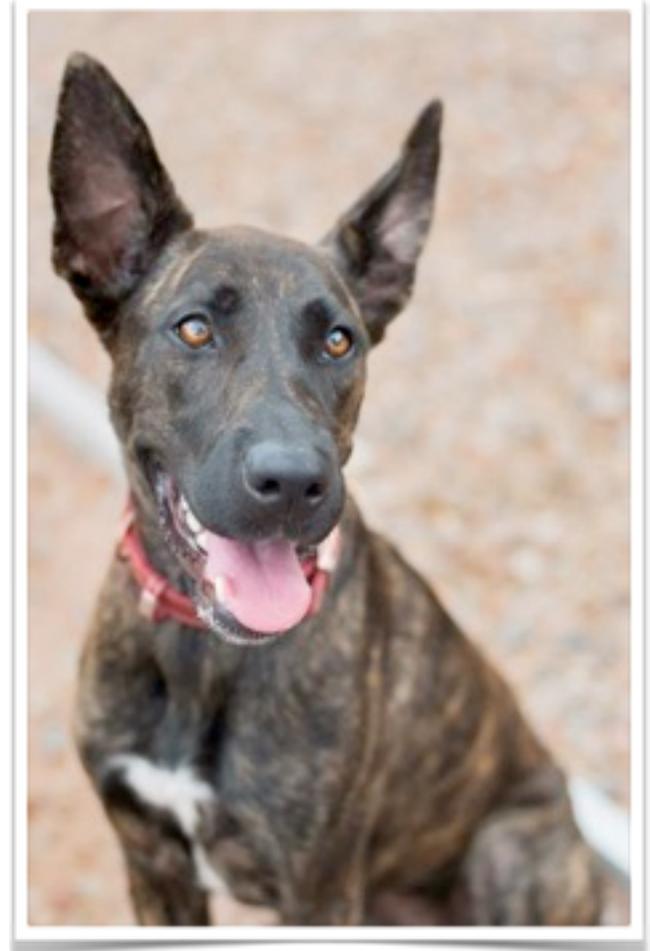
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Remember it is important to lay the right ground rules before bringing in a new dog, if everyone has a different understanding of the rules then the dog will either be totally confused and not understand what is expected of it, or alternatively will exploit the confusion to gain preferential treatment. Have a family/group discussion about expectations and rules and as a family stick to them, later on you may be able to change the rules but initially trust the rules and work towards a long and healthy relationship with your pet.



# PAWS DARWIN

8 STEPS TO BRINGING HOME A NEW DOG



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The following are steps to successful settling in of your new dog, by Ceaser Milan.

- **Remain calm:** When you pick the dog up, everyone must remain calm. It can be tempting to greet the new family member with excitement, but this is not the time to do it. Accept the dog into your space, but do not give it more than a minimum of affection or attention yet. You're about to remove the dog from a place that's become familiar and take her to somewhere entirely new. And remember: This step must remain in effect through the entire process.
- **Take a long walk:** When you get home, keep your dog on the leash, because you're now going to go on a long walk through her new neighbourhood. This serves two purposes. It will help drain her excess energy and bring her to a calm new state, and it will get her used to the new smells, sights, and sounds.
- **Introduce your home:** After the walk, keep your dog on the leash for a proper introduction to the new pack den - your house, apartment, ect. Bring the dog to the front door, but do not let her enter first. If you can, get her to sit or lie down as you open the door. Then, you enter first, no allowing her to follow until you invite her in.



- **Take the tour:** Once inside, keep your dog on the leash and lead her from room to room. Do not let her sniff or wander around. Use the leash to keep her at your side. Spend a few minutes in each room before moving on to the next, and make sure each time you go first into the next room. Every door is an opportunity to establish your leadership, you go first, the dog waits for your invitation to enter or exit. Be consistent! Do not let the dog follow you into the next room until you give permission. If you have a backyard, patio or other outside area, treat it the same way.
- **No touch, no talk, no eye contact:** During the tour, don't speak and use only body language or simple sounds, like "Tsch!", or a finger snap to communicate or correct. Your dog is overwhelmed right now, so the less stimulation, the better. This will keep her focused.
- **The feeding area:** Once you've completed the tour, bring the dog to the place where the food and water will be and offer a reward with some water and a few bits of food, but not a whole bowl yet; your dog is still on her leash,



- **The dog's bedroom:** Likewise, if you have a special place you'd like the dog to stay when she needs to be out of the way of household activities, take her there. This is where you can finally let her off-leash. That place can be where her bed is, or a spot in the corner of the living room where you want her to lie, or her crate. By letting her off the leash here, you are telling her "This is yours". Don't be surprised if she immediately decides to settle down and ignore the family for a while. This doesn't mean she hates her new home. It means that she has found her place in it.
- **Exude calm-assertive energy:** Once you've completed the above process, establish yourself as the Pack Leader by going through the rest of your day exuding calm-assertive energy. Everyone in the household should ignore the dog. You can acknowledge the dog of course, but don't go overboard with affection just yet. Just as you're still getting used to her in the house, she's getting used to being in her new house. You've gone a long way already towards teaching her what this is your territory and you make the rules. Now, she's going to observe so she can figure out what rules are, and who's who in her new pack.

If you've gone through these eight steps, you will have claimed your territory, allowed your dog into it, and established who the Pack Leaders are.

**Stay calm and assertive!**