



Puppy Preschool Programme and Vaccination Status

Addressing concerns regarding exposing puppies to the environment prior to their second vaccination

At Sandy's Grooming Tails & K9 Cafe, we proudly offer a Puppy Preschool programme that emphasises early socialisation.

Our policy states that ALL puppies must have their first vaccination and vet check prior to attending the class. Our facilities are expertly managed, cleaned every day, and maintained to rigorous standards, guaranteeing a safe entry for all dogs into our establishment.

In Australia, behavioural problems are the leading reason for euthanasia in dogs, significantly outweighing non-vaccination issues. According to the RSPCA data from the 2024 financial year, **behavioural issues—including aggression and severe anxiety—accounted for approximately 66% of dog euthanasia cases**, making it the most common cause across states such as New South Wales and Queensland, with hundreds of dogs euthanised for these reasons alone

In contrast, euthanasia directly linked to non-vaccination is not prominently reported as a primary cause. The RSPCA and other animal welfare agencies focus on vaccinations as a preventive health measure but do not cite lack of vaccination as a direct reason for euthanasia. **Instead, health issues (which may include vaccine-preventable diseases) account for about 29% of euthanasia cases**, but this is combined with other health reasons rather than isolated non-vaccination status

Key Points

- Australian Veterinary Association (AVA):

- Recommends early socialisation for puppies, even before full vaccination.
- Advises that classes must be held in a clean and well-managed environment.
- Stresses the importance of appropriate vaccinations for participating puppies.

- RSPCA:

- Supports well-run puppy preschool programmes as safe for early socialisation.
- Emphasizes that adherence to hygiene and vaccination protocols minimises risks.
- Highlights the positive impact of socialisation on puppies' behavioural development.

This information has been compiled for your clarity and peace of mind.

Rest assured that Sandy's Grooming Tails & K9 Café maintains a duty of care, prioritising both your and your dog's best interests, health, and well-being above all else.