

PUPPY SOCIALIZATION, TRAINING & ENRICHMENT

Socialization

Socializing your puppy is the most important thing you can do for her. Socialization at an early age and during the critical developmental periods is the key to ensure that you'll have a happy, confident and well-adjusted dog. Socializing your puppy is about more than just getting her comfortable with you and your family. It involves pleasant and positive experiences with other dogs, surfaces, places and anything that your puppy might come across as an adult. Socialization needs to start the moment your puppy arrives in your home. The Puppy's Rule of Twelve is a handy guideline for puppy owners to ensure that a puppy is exposed to a variety of things during this critical time-period.

The American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior recommends socializing your puppy before she is fully vaccinated to prevent behavior problems from developing later in life. You can balance her socialization and health by:

- Giving her at least one set of vaccinations before exposing her to new places, other animals and people.
- Ensuring other adults dogs and puppies that she interacts with are healthy and vaccinated.

Choose a [facility](#) for socialization and obedience courses that is clean, well-maintained and requires all participants show proof of vaccination.

Training & Enrichment

Training and enrichment are important aspects of your puppy's well-being. Refer to the comprehensive guides listed below for step-by-step instructions and helpful tips.

- [House Training](#)
- [Crate Training](#)
- [Enrichment](#)
- [Obedience Training](#)

