

There are a number of these in our area for details check the surgery noticeboard and ask at reception for details.

Don't forget all our puppies get a personal invitation to one of our *Puppy Parties* run by our nurses and attended by Anne Bale, a local dog trainer. These are free, provided as part of our vaccination package. Well worth the effort to attend.

TOP TIPS

- Introduce anything new gently
- Reward good behaviour
- Don't punish a puppy for accidents in the house
- Always try to give clear concise commands
- Start as you mean to go on+ it is hard to break a bad habit.
- Don't feed your dog your own food-stick with a good quality commercial dog food.
- Put your puppy's bed in a quiet area where he can have his own space.
- Remember time and effort put in training and socialising in the first few months will reap rewards for the years to follow.



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SOCIALIZATION IN PUPPIES

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wide variety of
called
time to do this is
all socialised
puppy is much more likely to grow up balanced and comfortable with people and animals. A poorly socialised puppy is far more likely to have behavioural problems and be a less fulfilling pet.

How do I socialise my puppy?

Very simple! Expose your puppy to as many sights and sounds as possible during that vital three month period.

Obviously care must be taken until your puppy has completed its vaccination course.

CHECK LIST-PLACES TO GO (don't forget your pooper scoop)

- Veterinary surgery
- Other peoples houses
- Children's play areas
- Public transport-buses etc.
- Park/rural area
- Town centre
- Lifts
- Roads
- Boarding kennels

CHECK LIST-PEOPLE AND ANIMALS TO MEET

- Men/women of different appearance, ages and personalities, for example with beards, long hair or glasses.
- Children and babies
- People in uniforms especially the postman.
- People on bicycles.
- Other dogs (ideally adult healthy adult dogs fully up to date with their vaccines)
- Other domestic pets (cats and rabbits)
- Livestock (always keep your puppy on a lead when you are near farm animals)

CHECK LIST-THINGS TO ENCOUNTER

- Television/radio
- Vacuum cleaner/tumble drier/dish washer
- Washing machine
- Hair drier
- Being in a car (on an empty stomach!)
- Being alone
- Walking with restraint (lead or halti)
- Grooming/ bathing
- Physical examination in particular mouth, ears and feet. This could make your life and ours a lot easier.