

The most common problematic dog behaviours are:

- Separation anxiety
- Jumping on people
- Chewing inappropriate items
- Mouthing or puppy biting
- House soiling
- Barking
- Fear or aggression to people or other dogs
- Stress around vet visits and grooming
- Over aroused around new environments, people and/or dogs
- Resource guarding you or other valued items
- Counter-surfing
- Going onto furniture when it's not allowed, or not getting off when asked
- Leash pulling
- Not coming when called - poor recall

Being a dog in today's environment is not easy. Dogs spend the majority of their time in the house now and are easily over-aroused or over their threshold of stress when they are around new or novel things. Learning how to properly socialize your puppy to new and potential frightening stimuli is easier to achieve before they are 3 months but it's also very important to continue until they are 2-3 years old.

We want to teach puppies to LOVE being handled and touched all over. Not just to tolerate it, but love it! Consent is imperative for these exercises. If the dog is not consenting to be touched, you're instead sensitizing him/her to it, and making things worse for his/her adult life.

Rules and Boundaries and an Enrichment plan/routine is an essential part of training your puppy how to adapt to your daily lifestyles.

Puppy Foundation Training (available to download from website):

The 4 most critical things to start working on at home:

- 1 Schedule for Potty Training and How To Be Alone
- 2 Socialization preparation
- 3 Conditioning for Stress Free Handling
- 4 How to use food and treats for enrichment and training

Condition your puppy to a Clicker, or verbal marker (YES or GOOD) for training

Condition your puppy to wear a collar and/or harness

The Best Collars & Leashes for Puppies & Dogs

Puppy Class Booklet with your Class Preparation and Training Plan

Week 1:

4 On The Floor Rules for everyone to follow with other puppies. Pay the SIT!

The Brakes - How to **Acknowledge** good behaviour and **Ignore** problematic behaviour!

How to Lure or Capture desired behaviours

GENTLE - capture, mark, reward

SIT - Lure, mark, reward

SIT with Release word - impulse control

Collar grabs and **GO PLAY** - develop and 'on' and 'off' button

COME and **SIT**

Meet'n greets on leash - 3 second rule then meet the next puppy with no on leash play
Off leash play - Understand your Puppy's Body language and learn what is appropriate play
When and how to recall your puppy from off leash play.

Week 2:

Condition to accepting handling

Be proactive and develop a game plan with Children & BE A TREE

GO PLAY - catch and release at home

Establishing eye contact with **NAME** - focus on you

Food Magnets

GO PLAY - catch and release at home

TAKE IT and **DROP IT** - play train rules for mouthing

Sit Restraint - conditioning for handling

Chin rest for calm handling

Week 3:

LEAVE IT

DOWN

Teach Your Puppy to Follow Off-Leash

Week 4:

STAND

GO TO BED and **Mat work**

Teach Your Puppy to Give to Leash Pressure

Walk Nicely on a loose leash - **THIS WAY** allow your dog to have a Sniffari walk!

Sit restraint for nail clipping

Week 5:

ON/OFF - and rules about being on furniture

Target - TOUCH

FIND IT

HEEL Position

Sit for approach of stranger (no jumping)

Additional reading:

Chew toys, Car Troubles, Housetraining

Puppy Biting, Dogs and Children

How early and how much exercise should your puppy get?

Dog Day Care and Pros and Cons of Dog Parks

Recall Tips

Grooming Tips

Digging

Counter-surfing

Barking

AVSAB Punishment Statement

Puppies eating poo

How To Teach Your Dog To Greet Nicely