

# Training and Socializing Puppy's

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Puppy training can be difficult and frustrating for you and your puppy. Puppies not given a full range of socialization by 10 weeks can develop fear of the unfamiliar. The goal as a pet owner is to make learning fun for the puppy and easy for yourself. This is why you should take advantage of age appropriate learning and socializing opportunities.

- 4 and 8 week puppies should learn best how to interact with other dogs.
- 5 and 10 week puppies should grow at interacting with humans.
- 7 and 16 week puppies should be able to investigate new environments.

In his first two months your puppy should get used to being handled on all body parts and being exposed to new people, animals, and places. Your puppy should also be exposed to toys and new flooring like tile to carpet or wood to concrete. The puppy should also be exposed to car rides so it could possibly get over being car sick in the future.

While training and socializing your puppy you should be aware of the signs of fear it may have. Some signs include whining, trembling, scanning, withdraw, vomiting and diarrhea to name a few. Being exposed to new things can be frightening as we all know since we ourselves have been there. As long as your puppy recovers quickly after the introduction, such as being curious or advancing, then the puppy is fine. However if your puppy does not recover fast look for the signs of fear.

At 8 1/2 years old your puppy should be ready for house training. At this age your puppy can associate a scent, like grass, to its potty spot. The goal of house training is actually 2 goals. First, teaching the puppy to go in its potty spot, then the second goal is to teach the puppy to hold it till it gets to the potty spot.

We must remember that all puppies are different so some may learn

faster than others, but time and patiens should rase a happy obidient dog.