

THE SECRET TO A PERFECT PUPPY

Here are the secrets to raising a people and dog-friendly dog.

1 The sooner the better.

Your puppy needs to safely meet as many dogs and people as possible. Invite your friends, family and neighbours to your house, have them remove their outdoor shoes and take it in turns to hold the puppy and feed pieces of his daily food ration.



2 Puppy friends.

As soon as you get your puppy, book them into a puppy training class. Ideally it should be an off lead class to provide obedience training mixed with plenty of play and socialisation interludes.



3 The clock is ticking.

The development of a puppy's behaviour is almost complete at just 13 weeks old. This "critical socialisation period" is the most important period in your dog's life. Having your dog meet friendly dogs, people of all ages (especially children) and things of the world (buses, men with beards and people in uniforms) should happen as much as possible during this time but needs to continue for their entire life - have people feed your dog a treat so your dog associates them with good things. It's a great way to meet people, too!



4 Bite me!

Puppy biting is normal and really important: they need to bite in order to learn how hard to bite without causing injury. Download the free Puppy Biting advice sheet from www.thebehaviourcompany.com



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