



5 TIPS FOR TRAINING YOUR PUPPY TO WELCOME VISITORS.



Set your puppy up for success

Set your puppy up for success - ask every visitor to offer your pup a treat before they have any other interaction with the puppy.



Reward

Be generous with treats - reward appropriate behavior.

Confinement strategies

Confine your puppy when not supervised - It's easy for a puppy to learn annoying habits when you are not at home.

If you can't actively supervise your puppy, confine them to a play pen, crate or small room.

Socialisation

Socialisation is a crucial part of your pet's development, especially in the early weeks. The period up to 18 weeks of age is the most important time to help shape their behaviour and confidence.

During this stage, expose them to a wide variety of people, environments, and situations such as people in uniforms, bicycles, motorbikes, skateboards, and more. The more positive experiences they have now, the more well-adjusted they'll be as adults.

For new puppy owners here are the 5 top tips to training

- Set your puppy up for success
- Rewards
- Confinement strategies
- Socialisation
- Keep calm and carry on

DID YOU KNOW?

Puppies have a "critical learning window" between 3 and 14 weeks old? Early positive exposure to a multitude of things is imperative in raising a well adjusted dog.



Teaching your puppy the “Touch” trick

Teaching you puppy the touch trick is a fun and easy way to help build focus and confidence.

- 1** Hold out your hand with your palms open and fingers together.



- 2** When your puppy sniffs or touches your hand with their nose say **YES!** and give them a treat. Repeat this action a few times.



- 3** Add the cue word “Touch” just before you present your hand.



- 4** Practice in short, fun sessions



Once your pup gets this trick you can use “Touch” to guide them, distract them, or even start teaching more complex ticks like spinning or jumping through hoops!



There are many different books, websites and groups available to you to explore the wonderful world of owning a puppy. Do your research and connect with fellow new pet parents to learn together as you go.