

# PUPPY PERFECT

Learn Exactly What it Takes to Raise Your Dream Puppy



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# FROM BASHFUL TO CONFIDENT

## A GUIDANCE PLAN TO PREPARE YOUR PUPPY FOR CITY LIVING

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# YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

This guide will highlight some simple tips to help you raise a puppy that is ready for the sounds, sights, and scent of your neighborhood

Raising a puppy in your neighborhood can have unique challenges compared to raising a pup in the countryside, where the environment is much different.

Anyone who has stood outside trying to get a puppy to eliminate beside a busy city street will tell you they have become super aware of the honking horns and sirens, people and dogs passing, and trucks noisily unloading their wares.

If you live in a high rise building, you have to go down an elevator, through a narrow hall, passing new people all the time. Following this plan will set you and your puppy up for a successful life together.





# POSITIVE EXPOSURE & SOCIALISATION



Introducing your puppy to the world in a positive way while they're young is crucial for a happy, well-rounded adult dog in the future. Lack of socialization during the critical "imprint period" can lead to a higher chance of behavioral issues when the puppy becomes an adult.

**This means carefully and thoughtfully expanding experiences and making sure these experiences are viewed by your puppy as positive. If he/she is in the critical socialization stage, 3-12 weeks, you will need to be extra careful when exposing your dog to new sounds, people, and other animals.**

Dogs learn in two ways - by association / emotion and by consequence / doing. Because of these two ways of learning, dogs see the world in two ways: What is safe / good for me vs. what is dangerous / bad & what works vs. what doesn't.

For socialization and proactive exposure, take everything slow and let your puppy guide the pace. Keep socialization practice short and sweet, and start new exposures low and slow.





# SOCIALISATION CHECKLIST



## PEOPLE

- Babies
- Toddlers
- Pre-teen
- Female
- Male
- Teens
- Men of all sizes
- Men of all ages
- Women of all sizes
- Women of all ages
- People of Different Races
- People Wearing Hats
- Post man
- Garbage man
- Fireman
- Policeman
- People in wheelchairs
- People with canes
- People with head scarfs
- People in costumes
- Vet/Vet Techs
- People in Scrubs

## BEING TOUCHED

- Back
- Belly
- Collar or Neck
- Face
- Ears
- Mouth/Gums
- Front Legs
- Hind Legs
- Holding / Hugging
- Paws / Nails
- Tail / Rear

## PUBLIC EVENTS

- Sporting Event
- Birthday Party
- Holiday Celebration
- School Gathering
- Street Fair
- Seminar
- Picnic/Camping
- Beach
- Park
- Sports Field
- Pond/Lake
- Restaurant
- Coffee Patio

## GROOMING

- Bath/ Shower
- Brushing
- Blow Dryer
- Combing
- Ear Clean
- Eye Cleaning
- Nose Cleaning
- Teeth Cleaning
- Nail Filing
- Paws and Between Toes
- Towel Dry

## EXPERIENCES

- Being left alone
- 5 minutes left alone
- 10 minutes left alone
- 30 minutes left alone
- 1 hour left alone
- 4 hours left alone
- Car rides
- Crossing Over Bridge
- Crossing a Street
- Doggy Play date
- Elevator or Lift
- Going Thru a Tunnel
- Rail-Road Crossing
- Going up and Down Stairs
- Taking a Walk
- Kiddy Pool
- Water Sprinklers

## PLACES

- Vet Office
- Sporting Fields
- Pet Store
- Bowling Alley
- Skating Rink
- Drive In Theater
- Farm
- Boat
- Bus
- Soccer Field
- Coffee Shop
- Outdoor Patio
- Hardware Store
- Parking Lot

## SOUNDS

- Thunder
- Fireworks
- Gun Shots
- Barking dogs
- Diesel Engines
- Loud Music
- Burning Wood
- Crying Babies
- Hunting Calls
- Banging of Pots and Pans
- Lawnmower
- Vacuum Cleaner
- Washing Machine
- Garage Door
- Doorbell
- Knocking
- Smoke Alarm

## SMELLS

- Pizza
- BBQ/ Grilling
- Food Court
- Exhaust fumes
- Grass
- Paint
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Frying Egg
- Other Dog Food
- Gasoline (at a distance)
- Pool
- Beach

## OBJECTS

- Balloon
- Broom
- Vacuum
- Moving Objects
- Flags
- Home Robot
- Hula Hoop
- Kids toys
- Mirrors
- Paper and Plastic bags
- Wire crate
- Plastic crate
- Shopping cart
- Baby Stroller
- Bicycles
- Skateboard
- Scooter
- Surfboard
- Kayak
- Paddle Board
- Baseball Bat
- Gym Equipment
- Backpacks
- Suitcases
- Ice
- Surf boards
- Camera
- Phones
- Fence

## Surfaces

- Dirt
- Grass
- Wet Grass
- Gravel, loose and packed
- Sand
- Tile
- Concrete
- Granite/ Marble
- Slippery surfaces
- Metal
- Carpet
- Man Holes
- Wood Chips
- Puddles
- Moving
- Cold
- Mud





# DITCH THE BOWL



Did you know that mental stimulation is just as important if not more important than playtime with your pup? Making your dog work for their food is rewarding, mentally and physically. Instead of feeding them in a boring bowl, take a portion of their food to use as a training opportunity and the rest in an interactive feeder. You can purchase one on Amazon or make your own DIY projects. While your puppy works on their enrichment project, you can take some time to catch up on your to do list.

Most think if you want to tire a puppy, you take them for a long walk. However, the more exercise your puppy gets the more fit they become. Next thing you know your 20 minute walks are an hour and a half and your puppy is still not tired! To be honest, there are few humans that can really keep up with the energy of a puppy.

Ditching the bowl is accessible to everyone: the raw feeders, those whose dogs require medication in their food, young puppies, and even senior dogs. With a little bit of planning, ditching the bowl should be the easiest part of your training. Every moment has an opportunity for learning and we miss so many of those moments and the opportunities by putting our dog's food into bowls.

So ditch the bowl and embrace the learning! You and your dog will never look back.



# POTTY TRAINING

Potty Training has its challenges. Hopefully, with a few helpful tips, we can help minimize those challenges.

First choose the place you would like to train your puppy to go potty. Trying to get a puppy to eliminate outside by a busy city street with traffic and random dogs will be almost impossible. Check out a disposable grass patch like Doggie Lawn; they deliver to your door and help make potty training a lot easier.

Find a **quiet space** in the house to put the grass patch where there isn't a lot of foot traffic. Places like a laundry room or guest bathroom are perfect for a set-up. If you are leaving your puppy for a few hours, exercise pens can create an excellent containment solution. A balcony can also be a great spot to set up a potty station but some puppies, just like humans, are afraid of heights, so set the grass patch close to the door but out of the way so the puppy does not track anything back into the house.

**Find a reinforcement** your puppy loves and will want to work for, such as a favorite toy or treat. Be sure to keep the treats and toy out of sight and only take them out after potty time. Place poop bags and trash can near by so you can quickly get rid of waste; we prefer trash cans with a lid and liner so we can throw the entire bag away every couple of days.

It is very common for a puppy to slightly miss the potty area; you will still want to **reward your puppy for any effort** around the potty station to encourage and motivate them. Keep wipes handy just in case.

Once you have chosen a location and completed your setup, it is time to get started. You will want to bring your pup to the room where the new potty station is and encourage any interaction with the potty station. Play a short game of fetch in the room or toss a few treats on the floor. Even if your dog sniffs or takes a step towards the potty station, reward with praise.

**You will need to supervise your dog** at all times. Tethering or confinement tools like a crate and exercise pen will help you keep an eye on your dog and watch for their potty signals. Some puppy's spin around or sniff as a sign they may need to use the bathroom. Set a timer, every hour at first, to bring your puppy to the potty station. You may need to carry and leash your puppy to bring and/or keep them on the potty station.

To teach your puppy to **go potty on cue**, you will want to name the action while they are going potty. Say the cue, quietly as not to interrupt their potting, and wait until they are done to praise, and follow up with a reward like a treat or their favorite toy.

You should have several days of success before assuming your dog will go by themselves. With management and consistency your pup will be trained to go potty in no time.



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# MANAGEMENT



The benefits of good management are under-rated. Managing a situation rather than trying to change your dog's behavior is sometimes the easiest answer to a behavior problem for both you and your dog.

An example of using management is removing precious objects that your puppy might mistake for chew toys. Removing tempting food from the kitchen counter is also a great example of using management.

The main purpose of crate training your puppy is to prevent them from getting into trouble or harming themselves. It can also be very helpful for the purpose of preventing unwanted behaviors.

Examples of management: exercise pen, baby gate, muzzle, leash, window coverings and crates, walking across the street.





As a new puppy parent, it's important to know and recognize calming signals in your puppy. Recognizing a calming signal is the best way to help de-escalate a situation for your puppy before they become even more uncomfortable.

A Puppy uses calming signals to say "I'm stressed out, can we go now?"

Calming signals are meant to clearly communicate meaning; unfortunately some parents miss their puppy's cry for help until it escalates into something more vocal. Some signals can serve as a stress release, such as the shake off.

### EXAMPLES OF CALMING SIGNALS

- Lip Licking
- Shake off
- Paw lift
- Stretching
- Look Away
- Pacing
- Sniffing
- Scratching
- Big Yawn
- Blinking
- Lowering the tail
- Sneezing

# SIGNS OF STRESS

CALMING SIGNALS ARE  
MEANT TO CLEARLY  
COMMUNICATE  
MEANING

All dogs should have a safe place, such as a crate or mat that they can go to when they want to be left alone.







# LEARNING TO TALK DOG

Dogs learn by performing behaviors that result in something pleasant. The more often the dog performs a behavior that results in something pleasant, the more likely their is to repeat that behavior.

Sometimes simply ignoring or not reinforcing a particular behavior with your attention may extinguish some unwanted behaviors.

**The investment you make giving your puppy a good learning foundation will pay off throughout their life.**



# THE LEARNING PROCESS

Puppy learning is based on the principles of classical conditioning; Pavlov's dogs salivated at the sound of a bell because they had learned to associate the bell with food, and operant conditioning; Skinner's pigeons performed a series of movements in order to receive food.

Capturing involves waiting for your dog to perform a behavior that you wish to strengthen. The moment your puppy performs the desired behavior without incentive, mark and reward your puppy. For example, if you wanted to teach your dog to lie down using capturing, you would wait until he chooses to lie down, mark and reward your puppy.

Consistency in Training - In order for your dog to clearly understand what you expect, your training must be clear and consistent. This also means that the whole household needs to be on the same page.

Reinforcement - The timing, strength, and type of reinforcement used to communicate with your dog is critical to the outcome of what your dog learns. A behavior is strengthened when a reinforcement occurs every time.

Puppies have short attention spans, so training sessions should be brief, but should occur daily. Some of the basic behaviors you want to reinforce:

- Say Please- Teach your puppy to sit instead for anything they want.
- Follow- Introduction of recall (come when called)
- Trade- Your puppy dropping what's in their mouth for another option, is a great way to teach drop and take.





# Puppy Schedule & Routine

When you first bring home your puppy you will want to establishing a routine. Your new puppy needs structure to feel secure, safe and know what's expected. The best way to do this is to create a schedule and stick to it. Having your puppy on a routine, makes it easier for everyone in the family join in on the responsibilities.

To Do	Description
Potty	Go through the same door, go to your potty spot, say "Go potty!" and reward.
Meal Time	Feed by hand, interactive feeder, training session, or use meal time to help with a positive socialization experience.
Exercise/ Play/ S & E	Human play, fetch, tug, walk, or positive Socialization or exposure experience
Potty	Go through the same door, go to your potty spot, say "Go potty!" and reward.
Alone Time	Give your puppy something special such as a Kong or a chew, when your are ready to leave. Add 15 min weekly

## Sample Schedule to Repeat until Bedtime





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## Want to Learn More?

Is your cute, adorable puppy driving you crazy? I would love to help take away the stress that comes with raising a puppy, so that you can have peace of mind you're making the right decisions every step of the way.

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