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## The Puppy Survival Guide

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Your new puppy is home - cute and cuddly. The perfect pet - or is it? All puppies bark, bite, chew, jump up and go to the toilet in the wrong place! This pamphlet is designed to tell you how to survive those first few weeks until you can participate in Puppy Classes.

This is the most important time in your puppy's life. Build a strong foundation and ensure you will have a confident, well-behaved pet for many years to come. Enroll now in our 6-week Puppy Kindergarten Course for puppies up to 18 weeks of age. Puppy home visits can be arranged before class age or if you are not able to attend training classes.

Come learn about 'clicker training' the most modern, fun and easy method of training available.

No shouting, no choke collars, no stress! Lots of fun!

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### Socialization

Now is the time to introduce your puppy to as many new sights, sounds, people, other dogs and situations as possible. Remember: a well-socialized puppy is more likely to grow up into a confident, calm adult dog. This is the **most** important process in a puppy's life. **Don't delay!**

### House training

The basics of house training are simple - never let your puppy go in the wrong place! Praise and reward each and every time it goes in the right place. Learn to predict when your puppy will need to go: after sleeping, playing, eating, excitement, when it starts to move in circles and sniff the floor, and when it hasn't been outside for a while. If your pup doesn't go, take it back inside and **SUPERVISE** carefully before trying again. Make sure your puppy learns by trial and success!

### Puppy Biting

Puppy biting teaches a pup just how hard it can bite other living things. It is vital that all puppies learn to moderate how hard they bite before they lose their puppy teeth. This is called 'bite inhibition.'

#### What to do:

Every time your puppy mouths your hands or clothes, yelp loudly, "Ouch!" Immediately turn away and ignore your pup for about 20 seconds. Repeat the "Ouch" and turn away each time you feel its teeth. If your pup keeps biting, take the fun out of it. Isolate your puppy from the family for about 2 minutes.

## **Jumping up**

Start training your family and friends right away! Every time your puppy jumps up, turn your back and fold your arms. Do not talk to, touch or look at your puppy until it has all four feet on the floor or chooses to sit. Then you can greet your pup and give it a treat or praise. Be consistent!

## **Puppy Kindergarten Course**

This important training opportunity lays a foundation for a great relationship with your dog. The main goal of this class is socialization with people and other dogs and prevention of common behavioral problems. The class focuses on positive reinforcement in the form of food, toys, games, verbal praise, and petting. You will learn how to teach Sit, Down, Stand, Come, Leave it, Stay, Settle, and Walk on a loose leash. Your puppy will get to play, appropriately supervised, with other puppies in the group.

Our Puppy Kindergarten course runs for one hour a week for 6 weeks. Class size is limited so call now to register. All the family is welcome. You and your puppy can start off on the right paw from the beginning!



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Seek help in advance if you are experiencing problems, particularly if your puppy is fearful or aggressive.