

Happy Puppy

A starter guide

Remember to check out the puppy socialisation checklist!

First thing is first, prioritise settling puppy in...

- ✓ Provide puppy with a safe, quiet space with everything they need
- ✓ Create a routine right away and try to stick to it (consistency is very important!)
- ✓ Don't rush introducing other family members or pets, you may find it easier to do a tiny bit every day at first
- ✓ Understand that this is an incredibly scary time for puppy and that you need to be patient, this is **not the time for punishment**

Toilet training

Toilet training doesn't need to be complicated, you just need to remain consistent in your approach.

- Take puppy outside every 20 minutes (gradually extend as they get older) and stay with them to encourage them
- Praise excitedly every time they toilet outside
- Ignore accidents inside and clean up right away with enzymatic cleaner

My best advice?

Make sure all family members work as a team!

Mouthing and chewing

The most common complaint for puppies is their mouthing (otherwise known as puppy biting) and chewing. Usually, this happens because a pup is over-tired or over-stimulated.

- Try to factor 16-20 hours of sleep (yes, that's right) into your pup's 24 hour cycle, an over-tired puppy is a bitey puppy
- If you think puppy needs a break pop them in their safe space with something to chew on
- Stand up and walk away if your puppy continues to bite you



Make sure you've found a reliable local vet and visit them as early as possible!