

# 6 TIPS FOR SOCIALIZING YOUR PUPPY

Here are some things you can do to help develop your puppy's social skills:



**1 Introduce new things early**  
New scents, environments and sounds help desensitize puppies to changes. Keep new experiences positive with plenty of treats!



**2 Crate train**  
Learning to be alone can help your puppy remain calm in social situations. If you're going to crate train, start doing it from day one.



**3 Handle your pup**  
Regularly touch your puppy's ears, toes, and mouth to familiarize them with the feeling of nail trims, teeth brushing, grooming and veterinary appointments.



**4 Encourage alone time**  
Just like children, dogs can develop separation anxiety. Discourage an unhealthy attachment to you by giving your puppy some toys and leaving them alone to play.



**5 Stay up to date with vaccines**  
If your puppy is too young to be fully vaccinated, avoid places where there are lots of dogs around, like the dog park and classes.



**6 Sign up for puppy classes**  
When your puppy is fully vaccinated, check with your local rescue shelter or doggy daycare for puppy classes.



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