

We are very protective of our puppies...they are all raised in our home, well cared for and socialized during their time with us. Each puppy receives love, play time, attention and Puppy Culture training. Even with all the attention, puppies are not fully trained, well-mannered finished dogs...they are still puppies! They will have accidents and get in to mischief, all part of being a puppy. We expect new owners to finish the job we have started and help their puppy become a mature, well-mannered lab by being responsible for the further development of the puppy's personality through structured discipline, training, guidance and most of all, love. We strongly encourage you to purchase **Puppy Culture's** dvd's and apply their training methods. They use positive reinforcement methods which allow you to build a bond based on trust and respect vs fear. The puppies first 8 weeks have included this training style.

Your puppy has been introduced to:

- Resource guarding
- Crate training
- Recall (PUPPY, PUPPY, COME then PUPPY COME then COME) *Replace PUPPY with dogs name.
- Sit >> Stay (palm of hand up) (given command)
- Retrieving
- Manding (asking for attention by sitting)

Distributed learning is best. That means many rest breaks. Train for 2 or 3 minutes. Not more than 3 sessions per hour.

Resource Guarding - Teach to give up food. Take away a bone and immediately give a high value reward (cheese, venison sausage, etc.). Condition against food bowl, toys, meaty bone, etc. Add food to bowl while eating then take bowl away and treat. Wait for the CER (conditioned emotional response) Expected reward look. Be sure to touch body during exchange.

Crate training reduces separation anxiety: During the day, give puppy a pig ear inside the crate. Allow them 5-10 minutes of chewing on it before taking it away. This makes the crate their happy place. Remember to make an exchange with cheese, cooked chicken chunk, etc.

Loose leash walking - Walk counter clock wise in circle with puppy on inside. Click and treat when they come near your left side. Once they understand this, have them take 3 steps per treat, then 5 and so on. Now add a collar and continue treating for steps to your left side. Now add a lead. Pulling on the lead activates their opposition reflex. Let the leash run through your fingers until the puppy reaches the end. Drop it if necessary. Let them walk on your left with the leash dragging at first. **Goal is having them on left side for 12-15 steps.**

Key points to remember during my 8-12 week development.

- 1.) Take me to meet as many friendly, neutral dogs as possible.
- 2.) Accustom me to activities you want to enjoy when I'm grown.
- 3.) Use caution by remembering I'm emotionally sensitive.
- 4.) I need plenty of rest. 1 hour of play = 2 hours of rest.

Some things to note are:

At **8 weeks high fear period** is part of normal puppy development. Cautiously introduce new furry friends.

Space - if I don't feel I have a way to escape a fearful situation with another animal, I may feel my only option is to fight.

Escape - Give me a low chair or crate so I can hide and control the situation safely and build confidence at my pace.

Off Lead - I may feel threatened if on lead with no escape.

Experience - Watch my behavior to prevent issues before they happen.

Potty training tips

*Note: from 6-16'ish weeks their **nightly potty training schedule is 10pm, 2am and 6am.**

10 minutes **after** starting play

15 minutes **after** eating

Immediately upon waking up (even from naps)

Every hour **until** you learn puppy's routine.

A puppy is eager to learn and please. You will get the best results using lots of praise and treats.

Note: A dog punished using anger, coercion or violence is easy to spot. They will avoid eye contact out of FEAR.

PET FRIENDLY STORES allow maximum opportunities for socializing to a variety of experiences.

(Always call to verify policy i.e. leash, etc.) **Bring paper towels for accidents**

1. Lowe's
2. Home Depot
3. Pottery Barn
4. Macy's
5. Bass Pro Shops
6. Barnes and Noble

7. Gap
8. Foot Locker
9. Nordstrom
10. Old Navy
11. Saks Fifth Avenue
12. Tractor Supply Co.

3. Gander Mountain
14. Pet Co
15. PetSmart
16. Teskes Seed & Feed
17. Local Nursing Homes