

# PUPPY SOCIALISATION

It is really important that puppies learn how to cope on their own when you are not around. Set up scenarios where your puppy is apart from you or other family pets and gradually increase the length of time. Puppies who are constantly with their owners can become socially anxious and will struggle if they require stays at the vets/groomers or kennels.



# VACCINES...



Puppies will typically have two vaccines, one at 8 weeks of age and another at 12 weeks of age. These help to protect your pup from strains of: distemper, parvovirus, hepatitis and four strains of leptospirosis.

This time period coincides with the age that puppies are most impressionable and need to be socialised in. We therefore suggest that after the first vaccine at 8 weeks old, you take your puppy out to meet their vaccinated doggy friends and get them used to things such as traffic noises and stimuli. We do advise, however that you avoid rivers and waterways until a week after their 2nd vaccine.



## THINGS TO WORK ON AT HOME...

From a young age, it would greatly benefit your puppy if you are able to desensitise them to basic movements and touches.

For example, regularly touching and picking up your puppy's paws can desensitise them for when they have their nails clipped. Regularly lifting their gums and ears can get them used to dental checks and ear exams.

These really simple actions can mean that vet visits are a lot less stressful for them.