

Training Recommendations

We recommend to continually bring other dogs, cats, children into your yard, home so your pup/dog remains socialized. This would be AFTER your dog has bonded to you/its new family, hence, please wait a minimum of 3 weeks after adoption to do that

Also, please wait until AFTER your pup/dog is FULLY immunized, which is two weeks AFTER their last round of DHHP shots.

We are not fans of dog parks. Humans do not often know how to properly control their dogs. Sadly dog fights have occurred, dogs have gotten injured/killed, people get bit..... I know there are some lovely dogs parks in the NW, but we personally are not huge fans of them☺ We think one-on-one with other dogs in a controlled environment with proper introductions are usually the best, and bringing dogs once your dog is fully immunized into your yard will have your dog understand not to be protective of their home. If any behavior issues arise, we recommend looking below AND if need be contact Patti Howard and us immediately (see below)

Yes a little more challenging with covid with socialization.

When playing and interacting with your puppy ALWAYS have a toy in hand! Puppies are teething and naturally want to bite and chew. Dogs also use their mouth to interact with the world! Normally, puppies would be biting each other to learn proper thresholds. Puppies will cry if their litter mate bites them too hard. If your puppy bites your hand let out a quick, loud, high pitched squeal, and then redirect to a toy. Once he/she bites the toy, reward with positive verbal feedback!

It will take time and patience. Both you and the puppy are learning, so don't get discouraged! Offering tons of chew toys to curb boredom and using redirection should do the trick. Make sure your puppy is properly exercised, mentally stimulated (training etc) and excited to please you! I always recommend training in the morning BEFORE breakfast, and at night BEFORE dinner. This increases food drive.

While food is a great reward system, make sure you ask you puppy to do many commands for one treat. You can start rewarding every time but slowly encourage your puppy to do MORE for the treat. Verbal and physical reward is a great tool as well. This will help to avoid your dog only listening when you have food. Additionally here are some great videos to reference on basic training.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pOCeWuCFtQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Odb0BAjZxA>

A few tips for ensuring your dog's respect and get along with your dog:

-Altitude! Height has a lot of meaning to animals in regards to social standing or what people sometimes call "alpha and omega" Having your cats eat somewhere up high like a counter top can really help a dog understand that the cat is a respected member of the family.

-The one can sometimes seems mean but allowing the cats on the couch or beds and not the dog can serve a similar purpose.

-Love on your cats! Dogs are smart and understand that when you pet and adore your cats, it means you love and value them! They will be less likely to chase and taunt the cat if they know you value the cats.

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Tips for training your puppy AND your kids:

-People seem to think puppies will get used to the loud noises and ear pulling. Some do, however it is important to teach your kids to be gentle with and around the puppy!

-A kennel can also be a wonderful way for an overwhelmed dog to escape a stressful situation so teach your kids that when the dog goes into the crate, they must leave it alone. Kennels should be a safe place and not used as time out or punishment. Give treats and fun toys in the kennel and always leave the door open during the day.

-Have your kids train the puppy! This is so important! If your kids can train the dog, this builds respect, control, and understanding on both ends. A puppy who listens to the commands of a toddler is an extremely well-trained dog in my book. Sadly, people simply don't think to do this!

Patti Howard is great but usually booked out in advance, she works remotely as well.

<https://yourcanineresource.com/>

https://wahoo-ashland-waverly.com/lifestyles/pets/6-reasons-to-keep-your-dog-leashed-on-hiking-trail/collection_a44566bd-98b7-5d80-8ec3-1e89eb65fefe.html?fbclid=IwAR1qIOJBFeAfO0QmDMY8iKSRDEf0WYjecNnsJBBkSZBTgX_buTBE7unh-Gg#8

Even if these issues are not arising with your dog(s) check out this academy and Susan Garrett as a resource

Here is a list of the best videos for many issues and basic training for any adopters/fosters. Upstate Canine Academy is great along with Susan Garrett!

Food delivery/reward systems: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzepUP3jcsE>

It's Your Choice: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zhcv6yrYI-g>

Dog aggression vs. lack of socialization: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZlqtWXa00E>

Interpreting body language: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzDcWVbPd34>

Leash reactivity: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLORDnA5ZL0>

Heel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nia_VVRksRk

Heel positions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8wvbUtCA3E>

There is something called Happy dog Institute, you can find them online - they might be useful as well