



Puppy Social Information

Welcome to Pacifica Pet Dog Training's Puppy Social! Puppy socials are drop-in sessions where your puppies learn how to communicate and play well with other dogs. This is important when they become "big dogs" – a dog who knows how to communicate will be more confident, hence less fearful or aggressive around other dogs.

Our socials are held every Wednesday night from 7PM to 8PM. The cost for our socials is \$10 per session, with no commitment to any number of sessions. If you'd like to purchase a booklet of 10 coupons good for one session each, you'll get a 10% discount (\$90). There is no need to RSVP after the first social – just show up! As an added bonus, some nights we will have an "Ask the Vet" night for any puppy medical questions you may have, other nights we play "Pass the Puppy" so your puppy gets used to being handled by strangers. Some nights we'll also bring an appropriate adult dog to interact with the puppies and help them learn the rules.

There are a few rules you'll need to know about:

1. As you enter and leave the room, it is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** to make sure to shut **BOTH** white picket gates behind you. This prevents accidental "escapes".
2. Un-leash your puppy as soon as you come in – it's not fair for one pup to be leashed while others are offleash. Especially for first timers, or shy dogs – it renders them unable to put distance between themselves and others.
3. No puppy will be admitted without current vaccination information. The puppy does not have to have **ALL** vaccinations, she just needs to have had at least 1 DHLPP (also called Five-in-One or DHPP). The most recent vaccination must have been given within the last 2-3 weeks. Please bring updated vaccination records each time your pup gets vaccinated. This is for the safety of all pups – we want to be careful not to expose any of your puppies to Parvo Virus.
4. Children are allowed and encouraged to attend, as long as they are respectful to the dogs and as long as parents supervise them at all times. It's **VERY** good for puppies to learn to be comfortable with kids...
5. If your puppy urinates or defecates during the playgroup yell, "Potty" or "Accident" and grab your puppy so we can clean up the mess before they spread it throughout the room. 😊
6. If you hear someone yell, "Potty" or "Accident" grab your puppy so we can clean.
7. We will intervene if it looks like your puppy is getting bullied. If you are concerned about how your puppy or another puppy is playing, please let us know. Some rough play looks aggressive, so we can help you to recognize appropriate and inappropriate play.

Early in 2009, we'll probably be adding an older pup social, so when that happens the time will change to 6:30. Make sure you're on our mailing list to receive notifications!

Have fun, and don't hesitate to ask one of our staff any questions you may have!

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