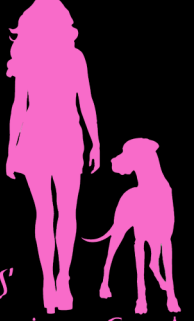


Puppy Socialisation

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Socialising is a lifelong task and means introducing your dog to new dogs, people and places and **creating a positive experience** each time.

Quality over quantity is key to great Socialisation. This will make them less fearful and more relaxed in these situations when they are older.



It's also important to expose them to new and varied places from parks and countryside to urban areas with traffic. This doesn't mean you need to rush out and get them used to every place and person in a week, but rather **introduce things in a calm positive manner** instead.

Things you can introduce them to include different dog breeds and colours, different people and children, cats and other animals.



When approaching a new situation **take it slow, give your pup space to approach at their pace** whilst you act confidently and cheerfully. Make sure you give your pup treats before and throughout the new meeting. **If your puppy wants to move away then let them,** never force any new meetings.



Keep interactions short at 5-10 minutes to start with, then increase the amount of time and repeat a few times a week. Make sure you get your pup used to the vets and dog groomers from an early age.

Puppy training classes are great for meeting new friends but make sure they are in small groups and the play isn't too boisterous.



If your pet is experiencing behavioural problems and you need help, please get in touch