



## GOOD PUPPY GUIDE

### In the Home

- ❑ Accustom your puppy to lots of visitors of both sexes and all ages. Ensure that the visitors do not greet the puppy until it has got over its initial excitement. All four feet should always be on the ground.
- ❑ Groom your puppy every day and examine ears, eyes and teeth. Pick up and check paws and under tail.
- ❑ Expose your puppy to a variety of noises e.g. vacuum cleaner, washing machine etc. Do this gradually.
- ❑ Allow your puppy to meet postmen, milkmen etc as often as you can.
- ❑ Prevent play biting, a sharp "NO" in a hurt tone and ignoring the puppy for a few minutes should remedy this. Never pull your hand away.
- ❑ Routinely leave your puppy alone for short periods at a time. A puppy that is accustomed to being left at home alone will be less likely to show signs of separation anxiety. Do not make a fuss when leaving or returning to the home.

### Outdoors

- ❑ Take your puppy for walks in novel places.
- ❑ Expose your puppy to the sound of traffic and movement of people.
- ❑ Introduce your puppy to children and groups of people.
- ❑ Accustom your puppy to car travel.
- ❑ Introduce your puppy to the countryside and livestock.

### PAWS FOR THOUGHT.....

If while introducing any of the above your puppy becomes fearful, do not overreact. If you try to reassure the puppy it may reinforce the fear. Appear to be unaffected and confident. Continue to introduce the problem stimulus but only from a distance that the puppy is relaxed with.

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