



Pass the Puppy

An exercise that teaches puppies confidence when they meet new people!

Pass the puppy is an exercise that will help a puppy learn that meeting new people is a good thing! It also will teach a puppy not to greet by jumping.

Rules:

- Always allow the puppy to come to you. Never drag a puppy over to you or force interaction. The goal is for the dog to approach new people willingly and learn that new people = very good things!! (Yummy treats)
- Be sure to have small, high value treats to give to the puppy that is approaching
- Rewards are given frequently when the puppy approaches with four paws on the ground.
- If there is more than one person, allow the puppy to approach each person and reward keeping treat low to ground.

Some puppies may be apprehensive when greeting new people. By turning to the side, not making eye contact and waiting for the puppy to approach then rewarding, the dog gains confidence and new faces become a positive occurrence.

If the puppy is over excited about greeting new people, do not reinforce the jumping. Turn away and wait for all four paws to be on the ground, and then put your hand out at nose level or lower and reward.

This simple exercise can make a difference in how your pup interacts with others when he grows up.

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