



PUPPY SOCIAL



Saturdays at *Canine Adventure, LLC.*, 6140 Route 22, Plattsburgh, NY

Puppies 8 - 16 weeks

A drop-in session for puppies to socialize and play in a supervised, safe environment. It's a great opportunity for you to learn about your pup by watching puppy-to-puppy behavior with our Certified Professional Dog Trainer, Deb DeSilva.

This is a drop-in social and does not require pre-registration. Questions? Please call Deb DeSilva at (518) 293-7619.

Cost: \$12 for one social (*Cash or check only please*)

Social dates: Saturdays, beginning May 18th, 12:30 – 1:15 pm, (no class 5/25 - Memorial Day Weekend). Each week the social will be limited to the first 8 pups that arrive. Note: Your pup will not be allowed to join the group if you arrive after 12:30 pm or the maximum number of puppies have been met.

What To Bring:

- ✓ Vaccination records & payment
- ✓ A healthy puppy! Please help us by always conducting a quick Puppy Wellness Check before you come to each social. Look for these symptoms: Diarrhea, Coughing/Hacking, Sneezing, Runny nose or eyes, Listlessness, Lethargy. If your puppy has any of these symptoms, please do not attend that week and contact your vet.
- ✓ 5 - 6 foot leash (no retractable leashes) with your puppy attached.
- ✓ Water bowl (we don't share those to prevent the spread of common puppy ailments).
- ✓ Yummy treats to reward your puppy.
- ✓ A copy of your puppy's vaccination records showing at least 1 set of the DHPP, 7 days before your puppy's first social.

Rules & Policies:

- Pups must have veterinary wellness check and proof of at least one set of DHPP at least 7 days prior to their first social. Bordetella (kennel cough) vaccinations are strongly recommended. Proof of vaccinations is required upon arrival.
- Pups must live in their new home for at least one week before their first social
- *Canine Adventure* maintains the right to disallow/dismiss any puppy from attending any social for any reason.
- Owners are responsible for the behavior of their puppies.
- Our Certified Professional Dog Trainer will guide you in monitoring your pup for specific behaviors and demonstrate how to interrupt them when they occur.
- You must stay in the room with and keep eyes on your puppy at all times.
- No children under the age of 14 years old allow and must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Upon first check-in all puppy owners will sign a liability waiver.
- If we feel your puppy is not playing appropriately or is too fearful or uncomfortable during play, we may ask you to leave the play session early. It is our utmost concern that all puppies enjoy this playtime and leave with a positive experience.
- *Puppy Social* fees are non-refundable.

What is socialization, exactly?

Think of it as a behavioral vaccination. Your puppy gets shots to protect their health. Puppy socialization helps protect them from developing behavioral problems such as fear and aggression-related issues. Here are expert resources on puppy socialization:

- The American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior (AVSAB): Search “AVSAB puppy socialization”
- The Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT): Search “APDT Dr. RK Anderson”
- The Pet Professional Guild (PPG): Search “PPG puppy socialization”

What To Expect At A Puppy Social

During play, you'll see growls of joy and warning, barking, whining, snarling, yips of fear and excitement, snapping, biting, wrestling, running, hiding, and pawing. If a pup gets nipped too hard or approached too quickly, he/she may yelp and run away. Not to worry! They're just surprised and need to learn how to communicate with their playmates. It is a learning experience for all, full of trial and error. Puppies need to learn to how to be a dog, and they do this by interacting with their peers.

The first day of a Puppy Social for your pup is like the first day of kindergarten for a child—exciting and somewhat intimidating at the same time. Some kids cried and didn't want to be there, while others had a blast right away. Some parents relaxed knowing their children would be okay, while others stuck nervously close just in case.

You're going to see the same thing happen at a Puppy Social. Your puppy may be a wallflower at first—hiding under a chair, or preferring to stay on your lap and just watch. While other puppies will bounce around the room with abandon! That's fine—when your pup is ready, he/she will come out to play.

Just remember, socialization is one of the single most important jobs of a Puppy Parent. Help your pup discover play and learn the social skills he/she will need to navigate the world ahead.

What if my puppy is too old?

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To find out more visit:

<http://www.canine-adventure.com/training.html>

