

SOCIALIZATION & VACCINATIONS

The [American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior \(AVSAB\)](#) says that early socialization is essential to a happy and well-adjusted puppy.

Socialization, or positive exposure to many new things, is one of the most important things you can do to set your puppy up for success and possibly avoid future behavioural issues such as aggression and reactivity, but there is only a brief window of time to achieve the maximum benefit. How your puppy experiences the world during her first twelve weeks can influence her behaviour for the rest of her life. Therefore, it is critical to start the socialization process as soon as you bring your puppy home, and to do it properly.

Some veterinarians maintain it is not safe for puppies to interact with others until after their third set of vaccinations, mostly for fear of them contracting the often deadly Canine Parvovirus (CPV) infection. However, research has shown that puppies who attended puppy socialization classes having had only their first set of shots were at no greater risk of being diagnosed with CPV infection than fully vaccinated puppies who did not attend classes. In fact, the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior asserts that the risk of future behaviour problems which can result in relinquishment of the dog to a shelter and possibly euthanasia far outweighs the risk of contracting a serious infectious disease in partially-vaccinated puppies attending puppy socialization classes.

Puppy Start Right Preschool offers a safe environment for the socialization and learning that are critical for having a confident, friendly, well-adjusted companion. This program, developed by a Board-Certified Veterinary Behaviourist and a professional dog trainer, was designed to provide positive socialization opportunities with other safe puppies of the same age, address normal puppy behaviours, prevent the development of behaviour problems, and introduce basic life skills.

Note: Before every Puppy Start Right Preschool class, we clean the training space with a pet-safe veterinary sanitizer that kills 99.99% of bacteria and viruses that could harm your puppy.