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Take Your Puppy to Kindergarten!

One of the best ways to ensure that your puppy gets a great start as a happy, well behaved companion is to enroll in a "puppy kindergarten" class. Although a puppy's attention span is short, there are very important things every puppy should learn at an early age.

In puppy kindergarten the owner learns, too. For these classes, the emphasis is on fun and informality. You'll join a small group of other owners and their puppies in a series of simple exercises that teach you how to prevent problem behavior as well as introducing basic training techniques. Kindergarten class also gives your puppy exposure to new people, other dogs, and unfamiliar situations. This kind of socialization is vital and has a great influence on a puppy's adult personality. It helps to ensure that once he's grown up, he will be friendly toward strangers without being timid or aggressive, and that he will easily adapt to a wide variety of circumstances.

To find out about a dog club in your area that offers puppy kindergarten classes, call AKC CUSTOMER SERVICE at (919) 233-9767 or e-mail at info@akc.org . You can also check with your veterinarian, pet store, or community education program for information on classes offered by a reliable trainer.