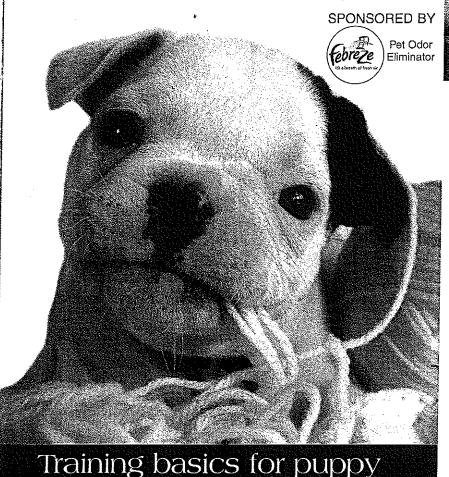
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- Manage his environment. If your pup gets into something he shouldn't, it's probably your fault for allowing him access to it. Remember, you control the stuff your pup gets into.
- Socialize. Provide your pup with lots of positive experiences and interactions with other people, pets, and places.
- Discourage nipping behaviors. If your puppy bites you, shout "Ouch!" and walk away. Offer him a chew toy instead.
- Training treats. Use yummy bite-sized treats to reward your pup for correct behaviors.
- **Crate train.** A crate is a great way to housetrain your pup, and gives him a safe, secure place to sleep and get away from the hustle and bustle of the household.
- **Potty time.** Establish a potty place and a solid routine, then be consistent.
- Puppy class. Enroll your pup in a puppy kindergarten class. In addition to basic training commands, puppy class gives him valuable social interaction with other pups and people.
- **Grooming routine.** Even if your pup doesn't need to be brushed or have his nails trimmed, get him comfortable with the sensations. Reward him with a special treat after each short practice session.
- MAsk for a Sit before going out. Teach your pup that good things happen when he does as you ask.
- **© Consistency is key.** Get your family onboard with whatever lessons you're trying to teach your pup.
- Focus on the positive. Reward and praise your pup for things he does right.



## Puppies and kids

- Talk to your kids about how dogs learn and how they can help train your new puppy.
- Ask your children not to give human foods to the puppy.
- Explain what kinds of things they shouldn't do with the puppy because he might get hurt.
- Discourage your children from touching the puppy when he's sleeping.
- Don't let them pull on the puppy's tail.
- Show your children the correct way to lift the puppy.
- Small-breed puppies can be easily injured. Think twice before getting a toy dog if you have a toddler.
- Remind your children that the puppy is not a child, and cannot do such things as go down a slide or ride in a backyard swing.
- Give children small, manageable puppy-care chores, such as refilling his water dish each morning, hanging up his leash after walks, or taking him to the backyard for playtime.
- Understand that the adults in the family are ultimately responsible for all of the puppy's care.
- Teach the kids to respect the puppy's "privacy" when he's in his crate.
- Supervise your children when they're with the puppy.

## Housetraining tips

- **Establish a potty area.** Lead your pup on leash to this particular outdoor spot as soon as you get him home.
- **B** Be consistent. In the beginning, take your pup out every hour.
- Restrict his access
  within the house. Crate your pup at night.
- **Watch him constantly.** Tether him to your belt or polim in his crate if you're busy.
- **Develop a routine** potty breaks after meals, platime, and naps.
- Mistakes happen. Don't punish your pup.



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