

Prevent Dog Bites With Puppy Socialization

Desensitize Your Puppy to the Most Common Bite Triggers

Certain types of people, things, and interactions are more likely to cause dogs to feel anxious, uneasy, or afraid. Don't wait until your pup starts to display fear or anxiety problems. Start teaching your pup to feel comfortable about these things now, and you can easily prevent these problems from developing.



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People Triggers

There are three categories of people that commonly trigger fear and anxiety in dogs. Make a special effort to socialize your puppy to these types of people:



Children



Men



Unfamiliar People & Things

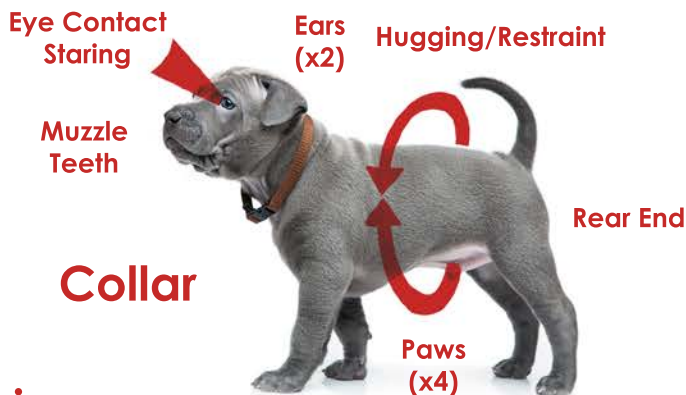
Handling Triggers

Many dogs become sensitive or fearful about being touched on specific parts of their bodies. Trade touches for treats so your puppy learns to love being held, handled, and examined.

Grabbing the Collar

Most dog bites occur when someone reaches for the dog's collar, because bad things sometimes happen to dog when they are grabbed.

This is so easy to prevent; have everybody take the collar and give a treat, many times every day.



Guarding Triggers

Some dogs are more likely to bite when they are in possession of something they value. Teach your dog to enjoy relinquishing valued objects by rewarding them when they do so.



Valued Objects



Special Places

Other Triggers

Dogs can become fearful of pretty much any stimulus. A single scary or painful experience can produce a lasting, superstitious fear towards certain sights, sounds, smells or situations.

If you notice any phobias, address them immediately with proactive desensitization training.