



A GUIDE TO

# TRAINING YOUR PUPPY

A few tips and tricks to  
bear in mind...



“Beneath each behaviour there is a feeling. Beneath each feeling there is a need. When we meet that need rather than focusing on the behaviour, we begin to deal with the cause and not the symptoms.”

Some breeds can naturally be more anxious than others but it is the dog's life experiences that can shape how a dog reacts to its surroundings and copes with any stresses in their life.

We need to make sure that we are meeting the 5 animal welfare needs.

These are: suitable environment, appropriate diet, ability to show natural behaviours, being housed with other animals (or not depending on the species and situation) and protection from pain and suffering.

Training through positive reinforcement means that we are rewarding the behaviour that we want whilst, at the same time, discouraging other behaviours by withholding the reward.

If you have further questions or to find our client handout sheets, take a look at our website :

[https://  
www.thepethealthpartnership.co.uk/](https://www.thepethealthpartnership.co.uk/)



**When training for new behaviours we need to make sure that all household members are doing the same thing. Using different commands will be confusing.**

**We also need to be persistent when training. If ignoring an unwanted behaviour at first means that they increase the behaviour to barking and then we give in, we are only rewarding a higher level of unwanted behaviour.**

Take a look at our Puppy Socialisation sheet, which can be found on our website, for ideas on what stimuli to get you puppy used to at a young age!