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New dog food brands
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New Socializing article

Diann's Happy Tails



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What's new in the pet food world?

Just this month 3 new brands have been introduced

***SPECIAL; 10% off regular price of either
Natures Intent or Zoic dog food, any size until 12-31-15***

Natures Intent Dog Food. For information go to;

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New winter deals and prices: Contact Diann 541-480-6987



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By appointment only; Minimum of one hour:
Minimum amount dog's allowed; Small groups or singles.
Prices are for one dog.
Ask about 2 dog discounts.

Allow 10 minutes extra if evaluation is needed;
Dog's must be current on vacc. & Dog and people social;
One hour @ \$8.00**** 75 minutes @ \$12.00
90 minutes @ \$15.00**** 2 hours @ \$18.00
Full day care @ \$25.00



All dog's have energy to burn off. Owners have errands to do; Put them together, get your errands done and come get a tired and happy dog



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Contact Diann @ 541-480-6987 for appointment

No limit on lessons.



60 minutes of one on one time for you and your best friend @ \$25.00
90 minutes @ \$40.00

30 minute play session with one hour training @ \$35.00

You can socialize a dog at any age

That's like saying you can learn a language at any age. Yes, you can. But kids who learn a foreign language during their youth are the ones who end up sounding like natives. What about adults? Well, that depends. Some get proficient. Most have a thick accent. Many never get the hang of it. And socialization is very much like that.



The critical socialization period occurs before your puppy is 4 months old. After that it gets harder, it takes longer, and your dog may never fully get the hang of it. Lack of social skills is the main reason dog's are given up. That lack of skills often turns into fear aggression, the only way a dog know to protect himself from the unknown is using aggressive behavior.

Puppies shouldn't be around other dogs until 4 months of age



That was true 15 years ago. Today, better vaccinations make it much safer and indeed advisable to socialize your puppy with other partially vaccinated puppies. Follow safety guidelines, but by all means, give your puppy structured, positive interactions with all types of healthy, friendly dogs. Stay out of rest areas, campgrounds or letting your pup sniff other dog's leftover potty. A safe area for puppy class that knows pups have been cared for and vaccinated are the best, along with friends you know

My puppy will grow out of his bratty ways

Alas, puppies tend to grow into problems, not out of them. If your puppy is growly, jumpy, or mouthy, expect him to get worse as he ages. The longer your puppy practices bad behavior the harder it is to change. Socialize and train him, the sooner the better.

My breed loves everybody

No breed comes pre-socialized. The breeds commonly thought of as naturally friendly- Golden Retrievers, Labradors, etc.-feature prominently in the bite statistics because they're all too often under-socialized.

I want a guard dog so my dog shouldn't be friendly to strangers

Under-socializing your puppy because you expect him to protect your home is simply dangerous. Your dog can't tell the difference between the FedEx person and a burglar- and Fido is just as likely to bite the neighbor's kid as an attacker, not to mention a family member coming to visit. Your dog has no way to know that is a family member. Trauma, tragedy, and lawsuits may follow. An unsocial guard dog does not have a stable temperament, will be fearful; not protective.

Instead of a security system, think of your dog as a pre-programmed alarm system.

Alerting you to an intruder is a job few dogs need to learn. Plus, an intruder won't assume your dog is friendly and will think twice about entering your home.

My dog is a country dog and doesn't need to be socialized

On the contrary. People in rural areas need to be even more mindful of socializing their puppies because it takes more effort to find the opportunities to do it. And you want your dog to be friendly and adaptable regardless of where you live. You'll still have visitors to your house, packages delivered, contractors making repairs, etc. Your dog will



have to come with you to town, visit the vet, and may need to be boarded while you travel. We who live in the rural areas must work much harder for the chances to train and socialize. Under-socialized dogs are ill equipped to handle any of these things.

We live in an urban area so socialization just happens

The tighter the space, the more stressful coming across someone new can be for dogs. Increasing social distance is the number one way dogs diffuse tension, so dogs that live

in crowded urban areas need to be exceedingly well socialized. Only armed with a large bank of positive associations will your puppy develop the flexibility he needs to deal with restrictive spaces, on-leash encounters with unfamiliar dogs, strangers petting him, weird sounds and surfaces, and other socialization challenges.

My puppy loves everybody so I don't need to worry about socialization

You have an outgoing and friendly puppy? That's wonderful. It takes safe, early and effective socialization to keep them that way, he won't always be a puppy.

I socialized my puppy until he was 6 months old and now I'm done NO YOUR NOT!!!!

Your focus is early socialization, but socialization maintenance (after 6 months) is an important aspect of keeping your puppy adaptable and friendly. The good news is that your early effort makes it easy to maintain your dog's gregarious attitude. Just take him with you on outings and keep an eye out for socialization challenges. We also recommend continuing his education in the form of advanced obedience classes, freestyle, agility, Rally-O, K9 nose work, dock diving, or whatever fun dog-related activity takes your fancy.



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