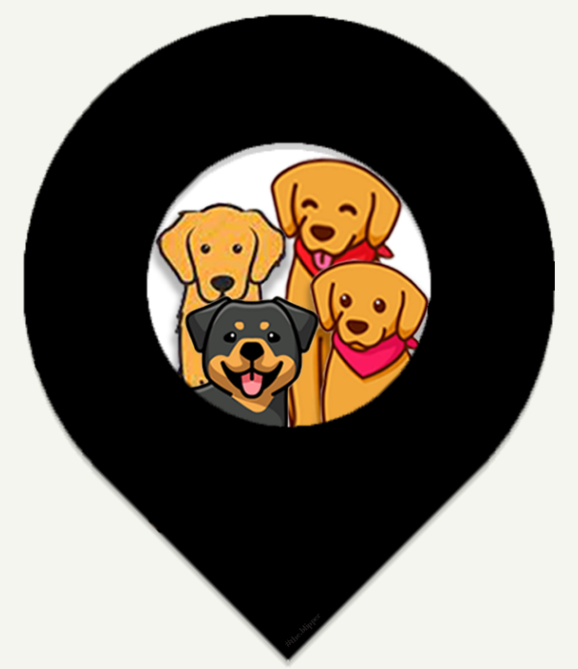


Desensitization to Touch



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WHY YOUR DOG SHOULD BE COMFORTABLE WITH TOUCHING ON ANY BODY PART AND HOW WILL IT HELP?

Part- 1 : Do Not Mandhandle Puppies

- The strokes of touch should be gently and soft
- Avoid rough handling
- Softly stroke their paws, tail, stomach, ears, inside part of their ears, nose, face and back
- Touch your puppy when he/she is lying next to you

- Remember touch softly
- Let your puppy be in a calm state of mind, do it after a play session or when you are chilling
- Most often we handle puppies with a lot of touching when we spot a tick, infection etc which creates a very different association in their minds.

- If you start with positive association touching, praising, treating eventually it becomes a habit for the puppy
- This exercise helps in- spotting problems before they have a chance to develop into something serious (example: fungal infections)
- This exercise also helps you and your puppy to bond

