



PROTOCOL FOR BRINGING YOUR PUPPY TO CLASS

Since your puppy likely has not had its full series of vaccinations before attending class, this handout will guide you on how to keep your puppy as safe as possible, while still receiving the benefits of puppy socialization classes.

One of the biggest risks for your puppy is canine parvovirus. Canine parvovirus is a highly contagious virus that can affect all dogs, but unvaccinated dogs and puppies younger than four months old are the most at risk. Parvovirus is spread from dog to dog mainly through exposure to contaminated feces. It is also spread through contact with fomites (contaminated objects). Common fomites include hands, instruments, clothing, food and water dishes, toys and bedding. Insects and rodents can also provide a means for disease spread.

You can reduce your puppy's risk to parvovirus by following these guidelines:

- **Make sure your dog is properly vaccinated.** Puppies should receive their first vaccines at 6-8 weeks of age; boosters should be administered at three-week intervals until the puppy is 16 weeks of age, and then again at one year of age.
- **Limit your puppy or unvaccinated dog's exposure to other dogs** until he's had his first two vaccinations, unless you are sure the other dogs are fully vaccinated.
- **Avoid places where your puppy could be exposed to parvovirus from unvaccinated dogs.** Dog parks, pet stores, play groups, parks, sidewalks and other public areas should be avoided until your dog or puppy is fully vaccinated.
- **When visiting your vet for wellness check-ups and vaccinations, carry your puppy in your arms outside and leave him on your lap while waiting in the lobby.** Walking where other dogs have walked and gone to the bathroom will increase your puppy's risk of contracting disease.
- **If your dog or puppy is vomiting, has diarrhea, is not eating or is lethargic, you should take him to the vet as soon as possible.** These are all symptoms of parvovirus. Remember, infected dogs may show only one symptom!

REQUIREMENTS TO ATTEND PUPPY SOCIALIZATION CLASS

- Your puppy must have had its first round of DHLPP vaccinations and a negative fecal exam.
- Your puppy's vaccination records must be provided to our facility prior to your puppy entering. You can have your veterinarian email them to us at info@LetsTrainDogTraining.com
- We have setup a specific potty area for your puppy. This is the only place you should take your puppy to potty. This area is kept disinfected for your puppy's safety.
- Bring your puppy directly into our main entrance or in through the potty area. Do not take your puppy into grassy areas where unknown dogs might have been.