Socialization While Practicing Social Distancing

1) Build your puppies trust with you and your family by:
    a. Teaching trade and drop
    b. Teach engaging tricks (example: spin, bow, figure 8 through your legs)
    c. Training with small quality sessions
    d. Catch good behavior and reward (dog is laying down while you eat, give that dog a bone) (never take bone unless trading for something else)

2) Introduce them to new sights
    a. Introduce your puppies in a non-scary way to a strange looking you by dressing up and using strange objects.

Halloween Costumes	Backpacks	Baseball & summer hats	Umbrellas
Walkers, Canes	Bicycles, Skateboards	Other wheeled objects	Paper bag over your head

    b. Introduce puppies to new sights:

Sight of other dogs	Sight of other people	Other animals (horses, cows, etc.)	UPS person van (sight & sound)
Cars, Buses	Vet Office	Stairs	Children play grounds
Shopping carts in parking lots	Other strange Sites	Anything you can think of that doesn't require being near people	

    c. Tip: Use plenty of treats! Make it fun and engaging.

3) Introduce them to new sounds:
    a. Play new noises (low level) at first while engaging your dog with a game of fetch, tug or tossing treats to find.

Barking dogs	Baby's crying	Children playing	Door bell
Door knocks	Thunder	Fireworks	Garbage Trucks
Fire alarms	Cat's meowing	Birds crowing	Hair Dryer
Clippers	Lawn Mower	Vacuum	Motor cycles
Wind	Pots & pans	Lightening	

    b. Tip: Start low in volume and increase volume as your puppy is comfortable. Use lots of treats and make it fun.

*TIP for 2 & 3: When possible introduce first by letting your dog check it out in a stationary position, then add movement away from your puppy then and sound at a distance.

4) Teach your Puppy to Problem Solve
    a. Create and obstacle courses inside and out
    b. Find-it games (sniffing games)
    c. Introduce new surfaces

d. Sniffing walks – make the walk all about the nose and what puppies can sniff out
e. Catch and mark new behaviors offered by your puppy (video coming soon)
f. Let them explore children's playgrounds when not occupied

5) Take your dog on sniff walks. Sniffing is good for dog's brains.
6) Take them to store parking lots to see cars, carts, weird people with hats, beards, etc.

SNIFFING WALK TIPS:
Simple 30 Day Walking Plan for a Loose Leash for a Great Sniffy Walk

Walk the same route for 30 days. Point A to B. (Example 1 block (end of your street) not around the block, that is too long).

- Ignore any unwanted behavior and stand still whenever your dog pulls on the leash.
- Stand still and do and say nothing.
- Moment dog loosens leash on own proceed forward. (Do not pull on leash).
- Repeat for full walk.
- Count how many pulls each day and keep progress in the chart below.
- If you stop at each pull and dog only moves forward when offering a loose leash then the number of pulls will begin to decrease because your dog likes the feeling of a loose leash and moving forward and how the color or harness feel when the leash is loose.

Day 1 # Pulls	Day 2 # Pulls	Day 3 # Pulls	Day 4 # Pulls	Day 5 # Pulls	Day 6 # Pulls
Day 7 # Pulls	Day 8 # Pulls	Day 9 # Pulls	Day 10 # Pulls	Day 11 # Pulls	Day 12 # Pulls
Day 13 # Pulls	Day 14 # Pulls	Day 15 # Pulls	Day 16 # Pulls	Day 17 # Pulls	Day 18 # Pulls
Day 19 # Pulls	Day 20 # Pulls	Day 21 # Pulls	Day 22 # Pulls	Day 23 # Pulls	Day 24 # Pulls
Day 25 # Pulls	Day 26 # Pulls	Day 27 # Pulls	Day 28 # Pulls	Day 29 # Pulls	Day 30 # Pulls