



INTRODUCING YOUR PUPPY TO OTHER PETS

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THOUGH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WANT YOUR NEW PUPPY TO BE FRIENDS WITH OTHER FAMILY PETS, YOU MUST REALIZE THAT YOUR RESIDENT PETS WILL NOT BE WEARING PARTY HATS WHEN YOU WALK THROUGH THE DOOR WITH A NEW COMPANION IN YOUR ARMS.

YOUNG PUPPIES IN PARTICULAR ARE ANNOYING TO OTHER ANIMALS-AND THE OODLES OF ATTENTION HE'LL GET WILL BE OFF-PUTTING TO YOUR RESIDENT PETS. SOME TIME MUST PASS (UP TO 6 MONTHS IN SOME CASES) FOR EVERYONE TO GET USED TO EACH OTHER.

HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO EASE THE TENSION

. KEEP YOUR NEW PUPPY IN A CONFINED AREA. IF YOU CHOOSE AN AREA THAT HAS BEEN THE FEEDING AREA FOR YOUR OTHER PET, CHANGE THE FEEDING AREA TO A QUIETER ENVIRONMENT A WEEK BEFORE PUPPY COMES HOME. DO THE SAME FOR LITTER BOXES AND CAGED PETS(BIRDS,GUINEA PIGS, ETC). MOVE THEM WELL AHEAD OF TIME TO ENSURE THE PETS DON'T MAKE A NEGATIVE ASSOCIATION WITH THE PUPPY.

GIVE YOUR RESIDENT PETS THE ROYAL TREATMENT

ALL PREFERENCE GOES TO YOUR RESIDENT PETS-ESPECIALLY IN THE INITIAL STAGES. YOUR PUPPY'S FEELINGS WILL NOT BE HURT. HE'LL EARN RESPECT FOR YOUR OTHER PET AND ACT ACCORDINGLY. HERE'S SOME ADVICE REGARDING YOUR RESIDENT PETS:

.FEED THEM FIRST (DIVIDING THEIR MEALS INTO THREE PARTS (IF YOU ARE FEEDING THE PUPPY 3 TIMES A DAY)

.TREAT GREET AND PLAY WITH THEM FIRST AND FOREMOST.

IF THE RESIDENT IS A DOG LET HIM PASS FIRST ON STAIRS AND THROUGH DOORWAYS.

IF YOUR RESIDENT PET APPROACHES YOU WHILE YOU OR ANYONE IS INTERACTING WITH THE PUPPY, TURN AWAY FROM THE PUPPY AND ADDRESS HIM IMMEDIATELY. DON'T ALLOW YOUR PUPPY TO PUSH OTHER PETS ASIDE FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

INTRODUCING YOUR PUPPY TO OTHER DOGS

YOUR OLDER DOG ISN'T LIKELY TO BE KEEN ON THE IDEA OF SHARING HIS SPACE WITH A NEW PUPPY. INTRODUCE THE TWO DOGS IN A NEUTRAL AREA SUCH AS AN OPEN FIELD OR EMPTY PARKING LOT. OTHERWISE BRING YOUR RESIDENT DOG OUTSIDE TO MEET THE NEW ADDITION. WHATEVER HIS REACTION, STAY CALM AS YOU FOCUS YOUR ATTENTION ON THE RESIDENT PET. FOLLOW THESE TIPS:

- **ORGANIZE THE INTRODUCTION, PREFERABLY AT A TIME YOUR RESIDENT PET IS MOST CALM.**
- **IF YOU'RE INTRODUCING A YOUNG PUPPY, HAVE A FRIEND HANDLE YOUR PUPPY ON LEASH AS YOU APPROACH WITH YOUR DOG ON A LOOSE LEASH.**
- **FEED TREATS TO YOUR DOG AS YOU FOCUS YOUR ATTENTION ON HIM.**
- **WHEN YOUR DOG SEEMS ACCEPTING, INVITE YOUR FRIEND TO CARRY PUPPY INTO YOUR HOME.**
- **IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR DOG'S REACTION INSIDE THE HOME, PLACE A PLAY PEN OR CRATE AHEAD OF TIME AND PLACE YOUR PUPPY IN IT AS YOU CONTINUE TO REACT WITH YOUR DOG AS THOUGH PUPPY IS NOT THERE.**
- **STAY CALM AS THE DOGS INTERACT AND KEEP YOUR ATTENTION FOCUSED ON THE RESIDENT DOG. IF ANY ALTERCATION HAPPENS, SIDE WITH THE RESIDENT DOG. IT'S NORMAL FOR HIM TO "PUT PUPPY IN HIS PLACE" USING SEEMINGLY DRAMATIC POSTURING. TRY AND STAY CALM AND LET THEM WORK IT OUT.**
- **TAKE THE DOGS FOR A WALK TOGETHER WITH YOU AND ANOTHER PERSON EACH HANDLING ONE DOG.**

IF YOU ARE EARNESTLY CONCERNED THAT YOUR DOG MAY CAUSE HARM TO THE PUPPY A MUZZLE OR KEEP HOLD OF HIS LEASH TO ENABLE EASY INTERFERENCE.

INTRODUCING YOUR PUPPY TO CATS

MOST CATS WOULD PREFER TO LIVE WITHOUT A PUPPY IN THE HOUSE. IF YOU HAVE A CONFIDENT CAT, HE'LL PROBABLY WAIT STOICALLY FOR THE PUPPY TO APPROACH CLOSE

ENOUGH FOR HIM TO GIVE THE PUP A SOLID BAT ON THE NOSE. KEEP YOUR RESPONSES LOW KEY. OVERREACTING AND HIGH ANXIETY WILL PUT ALL SPECIES ON EDGE.

FOLLOWING ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS TO HELP THE INTRODUCTION GO SMOOTHLY:

- **PLACE THE PUPPY IN AN ENCLOSED ROOM OR CRATE (WITH A SPECIAL CHEWY FOR DIVERSION) AND LET YOUR CAT WANDER ABOUT THE ROOM AT HIS OWN WILL. DON'T TRY AND INFLUENCE OR INTERFERE IN YOUR CAT'S REACTION. IF YOUR PUPPY STARTS ACTING WILDLY, HOWEVER, STEP IN TO CALM THE PUPPY.**
- **WHEN YOUR CAT BEHAVES NONCHALANTLY AROUND THE PUPPY, PLACE YOUR PUPPY ON A LIGHT DRAG LEAD AND BRING THE TWO TOGETHER IN A SMALL ROOM. HOLD YOUR PUPPY'S LEAD IF HE ACTS UP AND DIVERT HIM WITH A TOY. DON'T BE TOO SURPRISED IF YOUR CAT HISSES AND BATS AT THE PUPPY. CORRECTING THE CAT WILL ONLY MAKE MATTERS WORSE. YOUR CAT IS DEFINING HIS SPACE, WHICH IS A NECESSARY BOUNDARY FOR COEXISTENCE.**

IF YOUR CAT CAN'T COME TO GRIPS WITH THE IDEA OF SHARING HIS HOME WITH A PUPPY, KEEP THE TWO SEPARATED UNTIL YOUR PUPPY IS ACCLIMATED TO A LEASH AND COLLAR AND CAN UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT OF "NO"