

## MOUTHING & BITING

### *Puppy Training Tips*



Puppies investigate things with their mouths as we do with our hands. Mouthing and biting is a natural behaviour that was part of our puppy's daily life with its littermates

1. Remain calm and never angry or threatening towards the pup. Your pup needs to learn biting hurts and not to be fearful or reactive towards us due to heavy handling approach.
2. To control this natural behaviour we must be in control of the environment. The use of a crate is ideal as a preventative measure, never as a punishment. Recognise times when biting is predictable, i.e. when pup is tired or likely to become over excited and pop your pup into his crate for some 'time out' before the biting starts. Your puppy should be in his crate when you cannot give him 100% attention.
3. When out the crate puppy should be supervised and on a trailing line to enable extra control if required, as you can prevent any mouthing occurring by moving pup away calmly without having to touch him or his collar
4. Do not play rough and tumble wrestling games. These can teach that the human body is a toy and biting is acceptable.
5. Do not go face to face with a dog of any age as they may result in a lunge and/or bite as it can be extremely threatening to a dog
6. Control of young children around the pup is paramount. The pup should not have free access to children unless an adult is present. A child's reactions are exciting and cause the pup to react by biting and jumping. Ensure children have their separate play times and pup has theirs, not together.
7. If the pup becomes excited control the situation by teaching the child / asking the adult to immediately stand still, no screaming, jumping up and down, running or any other behaviour that will excite and provoke a reaction from the puppy.
8. When your puppy is in a heightened state of excitement, e.g. first thing in the morning or when let out of his crate, it would be normal for him to jump, mouth and bite you so be ready for this reaction

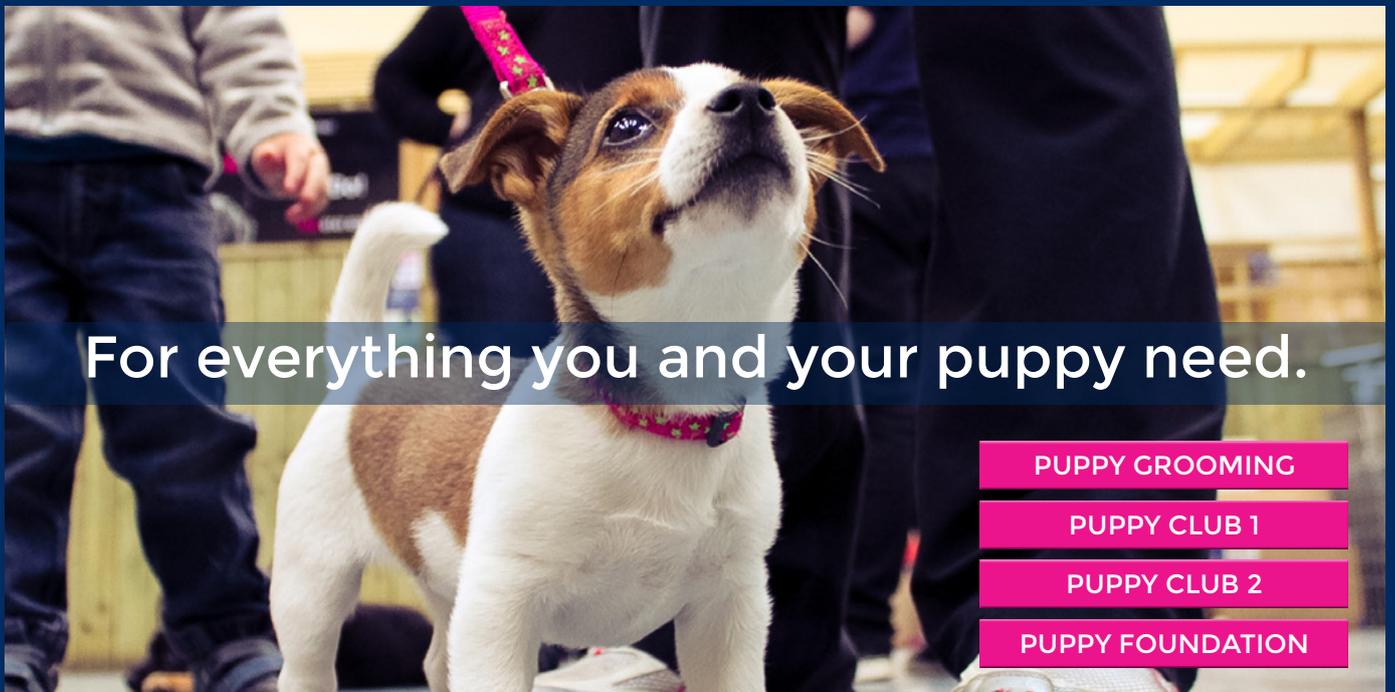
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by having a toy to hand that you can use to redirect the pup to interact and play with, e.g. rope or tug toy

- 9. As with all training consistency is of the highest importance. This behaviour will diminish in time if it receives no attention and isn't encouraged.



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