

## **Health Screening and Disease Prevention Policies**

In an effort to provide opportunities for puppy socialization early in life, while minimizing the risk of infection with Parvovirus or other canine infectious diseases, the following policies and procedures will apply:

### **Screening for age appropriate vaccinations and health**

Owners of puppies that are not fully vaccinated will need to complete and sign a Puppy Health Declaration Form which says that they have had the puppy for at least 7 days, and that the puppy has not been sick during that time. Additionally, owners must not have taken their puppies to any public areas where dogs frequent, such as dog parks or pet stores.

Additionally, owners will need to provide proof of age appropriate vaccinations. For our youngest puppies, that means proof of the first Distemper/Parvo vaccine and a Bordetella vaccine, and these puppies may not participate in classes until at least seven days have elapsed since the vaccines were given. Proof of subsequent boosters given will also be required until the puppy has had all required vaccines.

For puppies age 17 weeks and up, proof of both Distemper/Parvo and Rabies vaccinations will be required.

Acceptable proof is a paper or digital receipt from a licensed veterinarian showing the date and type of vaccines given. A photo of a paper receipt can be texted to us, or a PDF receipt can be forwarded to [info@thesocialpup.net](mailto:info@thesocialpup.net) or uploaded on our Puppy Health Declaration Form.

### **Cleaning and disinfection of training room and equipment**

After each training or socialization activity, the floor and all toys and other equipment are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. Floors and equipment are sprayed with Kennel Sol disinfectant at the manufacturer's recommended dilution for killing Parvovirus (8 oz. per gallon), and allowed to dry.

### **Owner/veterinarian discussions are encouraged**

We firmly believe in the safety of our puppy socialization and training classes. However, we also believe that it is always in the best interests of dogs and their guardians to make decisions that may impact a dog's health in consultation with their veterinarian. Therefore, we encourage owners to share this policy with their veterinarian, and feel free to have their vet contact us with any questions.