

The Social Pup

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 states the following:

- They have had the puppy for at least 10 days, and the puppy has not been sick during that time.
- Their puppy has not been to any public areas where dogs frequent, such as dog parks, retail stores, or outdoor areas of apartment complexes. (NOTE: we actively encourage owners to use a dog stroller to provide socialization in public places safely)
- They have proof of age appropriate vaccinations, and will provide such proof at least 24 hours before the start of class. 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 or uploaded on our Puppy Health Declaration Form.

Cleaning and disinfection of training room and equipment

After each indoor training or socialization activity, our play room is 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.

Puppies that are not fully vaccinated are not allowed in our outdoor Play Yard, only in the indoor Play Room.

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.