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BRINGING YOUR VET HOME

## TOP TIPS

**So first things first it's really important to keep your puppy socialised. It's not easy at the moment to meet other dogs but the following might help keep their brains ticking:**

- ★1. Play different sounds to them via any device. Traffic especially sirens, dog barks, other animal noises, and any other outside noises your pups might not be experiencing in real life while we are staying at home more.
- ★2. Make lots of effort to get them outside in your garden to experience as many sights and sounds as possible. If you live near a road, show them but from a safe distance.
- ★3. Get them used to different environments and everyday situations. Hoover around them, show them the washing machine, beeping of the fridge etc.



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**All the love and socialisation is amazing for your little furry friend but when lockdown is over and we head back to normality, it's really important to avoid your dog pining when left alone. A few ways to prevent this are:**

- ♥1. Leave the house without your puppy for a few minutes twice a day. You don't have to go anywhere but you must leave through the front door.
- ♥2. Leave your puppy in a separate room if possible, for a little while every day. If that stresses your puppy out too much, start with a stair gate - separate yourselves but still allow he/she to see you.
- ♥3. To avoid boredom while left alone, offer toys or chews to pass the time. Ensure the toy is not too small as this creates a risk of the puppy swallowing the toy. A Kong is also a great way to pass the time, you can fill it with dog treats and paste.

Always start with a few minutes separation and then build up.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PRIMARY VACCINATIONS AND MICROCHIPPING ARE AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE STILL SO BE SURE TO BOOK WITH YOUR VETS.



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