

ACTIVITIES FOR STIMULATING AND SOCIALIZING PUPPIES

DAY	ACTIVITIES
1	Examine and handle each puppy, hold them in various positions
2	Repeat day 1 and stimulate touch 4-5 seconds
3	Repeat day 2 plus trim nails and stimulate smell; dewclaws may be removed
4	Handle, hold in various positions, stimulate touch and smell, put each puppy singly into a shallow metal pie tin and time how long it takes puppy to crawl out of tin onto wool pup rug
5	Repeat day 4 plus stimulate vibratory sense
6	Repeat day 5
7	Repeat day 5 plus trim nails
8-10	Repeat day 5
11	Repeat day 5 plus trim nails and stimulate sight if eyes open
12	Repeat day 5 plus stimulate sight and move from whelping box into exercise or play pen, place puppy see-saw in pen on one or two inch elevation for minimal motion
13-14	Continue all of above plus introduce toys, spend at least 15 minutes three times a day sitting in pen and playing with puppies, begin introducing well-behaved children into pen for short periods of play.
15	Trim nails and begin individual work with each puppy for 5 to 15 minutes each day
16-19	Continue above, introducing more and more variety of toys, cats, people, noises
20	Begin auditory stimulation and put legs under teeter-totter to raise it about 8 inches from floor; leave a radio playing in puppy room for most of the day from now onward.
21	(First day they can hear!) Hang a play object from ceiling just within reach of puppies, and raise it higher up as they grow Play with puppies as a group and individually, include lots of noise, laughing, cuddling, and petting, continue holding in various positions First bath and shave and another nail trim, start feeding puppies and discharge a cap gun prior to each time of placing pan of food before puppies.
22-49	Daily play, learning "no bite", there are no bad or frightening noises, introduce foods, continue twice a week nail trims, do 2nd grooming, introduce to water pool (do not force puppies into pool, put toys in pool and if they go in spontaneously fine, if not just leave them alone. A good way to make a puppy afraid of water is to force them into a pool at this age. Teach them that you can examine their mouths, ears etc; do "follow me" and retrieving play, Introduce to people of all types, introduce to other animals, birds, etc., stack on grooming table daily.
49	Start night crate training separate from siblings, start housebreaking and Learning specific places to "go", weaning is complete, separate from mother Except for playtime. Begin leash training, car rides, introduce to heights Giving and then taking food away and out of mouth.