



## Puppy Behaviors to Be Concerned About

Proper socialization means your puppy has POSITIVE experiences. If you take your puppy into public and your puppy is exhibiting fear with each trip, you may be doing more harm than good.

The following is a list of warning signs to be aware of to avoid future potential problems. Not all puppies will exhibit these behaviors. **However, if you see any of the following behaviors, please call a certified dog behavior specialist.**

- ♦ Whenever you give your puppy a chew toy, she takes it to a safe haven. She might growl, curl her lip or snap if you attempt to take it away.
- ♦ You cannot wake your puppy or startle her without her over reacting. She might jump up, run away, or remain still and growl.
- ♦ The puppy does not like to be handled or restrained. You think she is 'fooling around'. Is it fooling around or is the puppy starting to become agitated?
- ♦ Your puppy does not like being handled by the veterinarian or groomer.
- ♦ The puppy is threatening while eating. Signs might be: the pup stops eating; the pup eats faster; the pup curls her lips or growls while eating; the pup gives you a look from the corner of her eye as a warning not to come close; the pup has snapped or lunged at someone who has approached her while eating.
- ♦ The pup has no interest in people or dogs, or avoids one more than the other. The puppy might exhibit extreme timidity when introduced to new people or attempt to run and avoid human contact.
- ♦ The pup has curled her lip, growled, snarled, or snapped at dogs, children or adults.

Avoid dog parks and other areas where pups may become frightened by unsocialized adult dogs.