

Puppy 101

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Ever have someone come up to you at a bar or event and ask you what puppy is all about?

How many have or ever had a cat or dog as a pet? How many times have you come home from a stressed day and think what a wonderful life they have? Someone to pet, feed, play with them. They are happy, mostly carefree (unless you don’t get them the treat when they want it or you aren’t awake when they want you to be)

That’s what the “headspace” of puppy/pet play is all about. Putting the binds of the human world to the side for a while and “puppy out” Puppy play is NOT about bestiality. Human puppy play does not involve real pups/dogs in sexual activities and it does not mean someone desires to perform sexual activities with real biological pups/dogs.

To elaborate a bit more, there are a variety of explanations of what puppy play actually is. Something important to remember that puppy play is not “cookie cutter” it’s unique to each pup. Not every pup is into the puppy gear aspect, sexual aspect and so on.

Non-sexual animal roleplay, or therianthropy, was a common and integral part of ritual in many tribal cultures both in recent and likely prehistoric times, where a member (or members) of the tribe would take the role physically and often spiritually, of an animal that was either revered, or hunted. Examples of the former include many of the American Indian tribes and Arctic native peoples, examples of the latter are evidenced by cave paintings. In 1911 Julia Tuell photographed the last Animal Dance ("Massaum") performed by the Northern Cheyenne of Montana.

It is also sometimes used in education, especially physical education, as an enjoyable way to encourage people to exercise the body in unusual ways, by mimicking various animals.

Dog play evokes many feelings for both the Master/Mistress and the Dog/Puppy. Typically, it is a combination of training, humiliation, discipline and control. Whilst some practitioners would consider that humiliation is paramount to the activity it does not have to be; it has as many limits and boundaries as the participants want it to have. From a simple perspective it is enjoyable, relaxing and similarly empowering. It can be whatever people want it to be, but most of all it's fun.

Public participation in human animal roleplay is varied. A couple could inconspicuously role-play a silly but loving pet play scene in public, but it would look like one partner is merely stroking the other's neck innocently to the casual observer. In the case of many convention-going furies and some BDSM fetishists, one partner may wear a dog collar with a leash attached.

The reasons for playing such a character or animal can vary as much as the actual physical manifestations and intensity of the play. Some people enjoy being able to "cut loose" into a different, or more dynamic personality (e.g., Were-creatures or Catgirls). In some cases, pet play is seen as a loving, quiet cuddling time where there is no need for verbalizations and the simple act of stroking, rubbing and holding the other partner is satisfying or reassuring in and of itself for those involved. For others, there may be a spiritual side to it. Some feel closer to their animal totem, while others may identify with something akin to a deeper side or part of their own psyche (ie. Therianthropy). For still others, there is the experience of power exchange setup in a context or structure which they can accept. Clearly, again, it depends on the people involved and what they bring to it or take from it.

Additionally, some cases could be considered a type of animal transformation fantasy. They can have strong elements of exhibitionism, be totally enjoyed in the privacy of the home, or lie somewhere between either boundary. While not widespread, erotic human-animal roleplay is still enjoyed by a sizable number of people. However, it is still primarily identified with BDSM practice, or as being associated with furry or other alternative lifestyle activities.

It should be pointed out that each type of play can focus on a certain "strength" of an animal character. Puppy play often can involve BDSM related discipline. The usual limits of safe, sane and consensual apply to roleplay as much as any other activity between humans who accept and respect their partner's interests and limits.

Note: Just because one partner is playing the "pet" does not necessarily make them the passive or submissive play partner in the scene. For example, if the form of pet play is for the meek and timid partner to "transform" into a werewolf or mischievous anime catboy or girl, they may take the upper hand and dominate the partner. Again, how the play is interpreted is entirely up to the people involved.

Pup Play in BDSM Community

Some people believe that they have certain animal 'instincts' and through animal roleplay can let them out. This is especially true in the BDSM communities, where some people 'live' as their chosen animal 24/7. This type of mentality goes beyond roleplay and becomes a full lifestyle for the parties involved. There are also 'hybrids'. These are humans who live part-time as one type of animal, and part-time as another. This is usually determined by the situation.

There seems to be a growing trend among the BDSM scene in animal roleplay, especially pup and kitten play. Playing the role of a pup or kitten is one of giving over complete control over to another, while the 'Master or Handler' expects only unconditional love and obedience from his/her animal.

Puppy play or dog play is where at least one of the participants acts out canine mannerisms and behaviors, it is sometimes associated with leather culture. The dominant role is taken by a "Handler", "Trainer", "Master", or in the case of someone who still identifies as canine, an "Alpha". The submissive may be considered a "pup" or a "dog". Unlike other forms of animal roleplay, it is not uncommon for two or more pups to play together as equals, fight for dominance, or play where one is clearly the "alpha". Puppy play is often about being playful, mischievous, and instinctive. In relation to other BDSM play, a "puppy" who is "unowned" or "uncollared" can be referred to as a "stray". Other elements rooted in BDSM play involve bondage and restriction with collars, leashes, cages, and hoods, the submissive's hands are often covered in mitts, both sexual and non-sexual services are requested, and "training" may take place in order to teach commands. The submissive may be asked to bark, kiss/lick the dominant's foot/shoe, and eat like a dog.

What is a human puppy / dog?

I'm prefacing this by saying these are very general statements and do not include/exclude anyone. The human puppy or pet is as unique as the human themselves are. Not every description is set in stone and in fact very fluid. Many times a pup will have one or many of the aspects mentioned below.

A puppy or dog is a human pet. It can be a male or female who identifies closely with real biological pups/dogs and lets go their human inhibitions and stress to embrace their animal instinct. They live in the moment, their entire existence revolves around getting a pat on the head, being told they are a good puppy, exploring anything and everything that looks interesting or fun, even if it's sniffing someone in public. A pup/dog may take on the persona of a biological canine to varying degrees from being on all fours chasing balls and barking instead of talking to only taking on the personality of a pup/dog but retaining their human abilities.

Here are some of the terms and differences used in the Puppy Community -
(all terms are fluid and can possibly mean something different to someone)

Slavepup - One that is owned and in an M/s dynamic relationship; enjoys the servicing aspect and doubles as a pup. In dog show terms, the working class.

Gearpup - One that is about the fashion, the gear, and not necessarily the training. Fetish is about the gear (i.e. leather, rubber, etc). Think toy class in dog shows (little dogs tend to be the ones with little sweaters, right?!)

Furry - Taking an animal (in one's imagination/artwork, of course) and giving it human traits (walking upright, speech, etc.), where Puppy is about taking onto oneself aspects of a bio dog.

Furrypup - One who doubles as furry and pup. Enjoys fursuits, furtails, and other furry gear. More of the roleplay aspect than the actual fetish.

Feralpup - One who is unowned or one who is in need of training. In relation to the kink world, brat comes to mind.

Dog - One who is either further along in the training, one who feels more mature than a pup. Doesn't have to be physically older.

Puppy - Opposite of the dog; very young persona, but does not mean disobedient or bratty. Rather playful and excitable.

Wolf - Very pack driven, typically feral. One does not simply own a wolf; the wolf is owned by the pack and the pack is owned by the wolf.

Alpha - A mentor, teacher, leader. Alphas will tend to have a natural dominance and many are attracted to them because of that. Being an Alpha does not give you the right to be an asshole

Beta - The beta pup tends to be more a follower rather than a leader. They will stand up for themselves, their pack or whatever though if the need arises.

Omega - The omega is the pup that prefers to avoid conflict, they tend to be mostly submissive and enjoy that role.

Handler - Can be in a personal relationship with a pup, but not expected or required. Handlers typically are about watching over all the pups in their training or in the general vicinity of their pup. Assist in pup-sitting often. More about the playful side.

Owner and Sir - Typically in a relationship with the pup. Shows intimate affection to the pup as well as some training. More about the romantic side than the training.

Master / Mistress - Can be in an intimate relationship with the pup. More about the training, protocol, and obedience of the pup.

Slave vs. Pup - While they both can be the other, a slave typically is in complete servitude to the

Master. Rules, expectations, and protocol are important, needed, and desired for the slave to properly give their submission. A pup, however, thrives on the playful ways of training and living. Protocol is STILL expected and applied but for most slaves, being a pup is a mental break from slavery. Does not excuse the slave from rules unless negotiated.

Service Pup vs Slave - the difference between a service pup and a slave pup could be that slave pups focus on the needs of the Master and servicing Him while a service pup serves the kink community in their local chapter or area. Instead of being focused on One or a Couple, service pups focus on the Whole.

For many it's a part of their inner spirit, it's who they are whether in pup gear or not, for others it's just a type of role playing

Also pups can be Dominant, submissive or a switch. There can also be pups that switch roles from pup to Alpha to Handler, depending on the situation or opportunity.

How should strangers approach a human puppy / dog?

Most pups/dogs love to be petted but a stranger should approach a human pup/dog the same way they would approach a real canine. If the pup/dog has a human with them, you should ask the human if it's ok to approach or pet the pup/dog. If the pup/dog is alone and turns away or growls when you approach them, you should leave them alone. You should never try to grab a pup/dog's collar or leash and if they are wearing a lock you should never touch it or the collar as some owners take this as an act of disrespect to them personally. A pup/dog that wants to be petted will make it obvious and might move toward you or they may lick or sniff you when you approach.

A human pup/dog approaching another should use some common sense, never just run up and pounce on the other pup/dog without properly introducing yourself using barks or whimpers or human language. The other pup/dog might not want to play or their owner/trainer/handler may not allow them to interact with other pups/dogs.

For some it's completely non-sexual, there is no erotic or sexual interaction at all, simply relying on someone to feed and reward or discipline them is only an exciting variation of Dominance and submission (D/s). For others, they are always a human, capable sexual behavior with other pups or humans. Puppy play has strong naturally occurring elements of D/s, ownership and control, as well as other traditional BDSM aspects

Puppy play depends on what the people involved are hoping to accomplish, it can be nothing more than role-play fun or an escape from reality using an alternate personality.

What activities are involved in puppy play?

Anything a real puppy/dog might do! It can range from simply sleeping on a pad on the floor at night, to houstraining, to chasing a ball or Frisbee to wrestling with a human or other pups to playing a day in the life of a "pet owner".

Taking care of a human pup/dog can be as demanding as taking care of a real pup/dog or as simple as living with a roommate. Depending on the pup, there may be a lot of training and care involved. Most people will not want to clean up the floor or the human pup after it pees or potties but some might want to have to train them not to. Others may prefer their pet to be more self-sufficient and clean up after itself as well as help do chores around the house.

What toys/accessories are involved in puppy play? What do human puppies/dogs wear?

This is something that is unique to the Handler/Trainer/Owner/Alpha and pup. Not every pup needs or wants gear. Sometimes, something as simple as a collar is needed to get into the puppy "headspace" or some pups like to be fully geared from head to toe.

At home, some demand their pets always be naked other than a collar and sometimes a hood, tail, mitts, knee pads and maybe socks or shoes for foot protection since real canines don't usually wear clothes. It's up to the owner/trainer/handler to determine what, if any clothing is to be worn.

At clubs, bars and friends homes pups/dogs usually wear as little as possible ranging from totally naked, to jock strap, to wet suit, to normal street clothes.

At restaurants and other public places, common sense applies. Normally you can wear a collar and sometimes some pup gear can be worn, sometimes not, depending on the situation.

The fantasy can be enhanced by props and accessories. What is involved in puppy training? Always remember Safety First!!

Puppy trainers may want to use behavior modification techniques using the following tools to train their pup/dog:

A first aid/cpr course is very important. You never know when it will be needed. Always have a first aid kit handy. In puppy play, bandaids, larger bandages are the most common thing needed.

Muzzles or hoods may be used to prevent the pup/dog from speaking since pups/dogs bark and whine,

they do not speak, they use body language or other antics to convey what they want. Remember to remove it frequently to allow them to drink. Note: If a human puppy is never allowed to speak or interact as a normal human being for long periods they may become psychotic and dangerous to you and themselves.

Bondage mittens, or more specialised mock paws, allow an extension to the play that restricts normal human activities whilst at the same time promoting the feeling of being a Dog/Pup. Padded bondage mitts or socks to restrict thumbs and pad the knuckles.

A butt plug with an attached tail can simulate a real tail. This is something you do need to be careful with. You don't want a tail being worn and go to remove it only to find you just have the part that goes on the outside separate from the inside part. Some pups have created a harness or jock with a tail attachment.

An animal-like collar with a leash is common and is used much as it would be on a dog. Care must be taken when pulling against the throat, as the human trachea is much easier to damage than a dog's. Most leather dog collars are comfortable enough on a person but will leave a stain on human skin if worn for very long, so it is worth selecting the right one to start with. Choke chains are common, but be aware of allergic reactions.

Knee pads to protect their knees while crawling. Make sure you find a pair of pads that fits well and doesn't slide easily. (use Boo's scraped knee example) Hardware stores, sporting good stores are a good source.

Dog bowls may be used to feed pup/dogs. Human faces are too short for most dog bowls so use a shallow bowl or one large enough for them to get their entire face in. Being a human pup/dog requires a lot of energy so keep a lot of water available to them. The human tongue was not designed to scoop up water so be sure to keep the bowl full or use a water bottle or even a straw taped/attached to the bowl. To enhance the eating experience, canned human foods such as beef stew, corned beef hash or breakfast cereals can be used. They can be relabeled if desired. Human pups/dogs should never eat real dog food! It does not have the correct nutritional content and may give them diarrhea, make them very sick or poison them. This includes things like dog bones, rawhides, bully sticks, jerky for pets.

Squeaky toys and balls with rope through them so the pup/dog can grasp it with their teeth. Again remember that pulling too hard even in play can loosen or pull teeth out. Also toys should be able to be washed/sanitized on a regular basis.

Restraints may be used to restrict the pups ability to stand up or use their hands since pups/dogs are always on all fours and don't have thumbs. Note: This can be physically debilitating if taken to extremes

or frequent breaks are not allowed

Cages or shock collars (around their thighs never around their neck) may be used if a puppy engages in or responds to normal human conversations since pups/dogs can only understand and respond to simple commands, like "sit", "stay", "come", "heel", "fetch" etc.

A large, well padded dog bed for taking naps or sleeping.

Treats for rewarding good pups/dogs. (dogs treats are not human treats) Be aware of allergies for both your pup and the pups they play with.

A rolled up newspaper or paddle to correct minor behavior problems.

Chastity devices if your pup/dog tries to hump things or people. Be sure to get one that can be left on when urinating. Housetraining pads for the floor if needed.

Is that all? Nope, anything else an owner or a pup wants that helps them get into headspace. As with many activities these props and accessories can be added and improvised such as puppy tail, chastity shorts, booties, dog bowls, cages and chains all add to the role and the play that can take place.

Remember this...

Being a pup/dog 24/7 is a fantasy.

The human body needs to exercise as a human and communicate regularly as human to remain physically and mentally healthy. Being on all fours 24/7 would result in joint, muscle and spinal damage and never having a normal human conversation could result in a psychotic pup/dog that may be a danger to you and themselves.

To be a healthy pup/dog, they have to be a healthy human.

What is a Puppy Mosh Pit?

The mosh pit can be a rough and tumble place where pups romp, wrestle and play. So some things to remember -

Do's

Do wear something that is comfy and cool - things like singlets, t-shirts, etc are great

Do wear soft soled shoes - martial arts, toe shoes or wrestling shoes are good

Do wear something that will keep your hands safe - MMA Gloves and some mitts are good (even

socks)

Do make sure and wear knee pads if you have them

Do make sure you drink lots of water - If you feel thirsty stop and drink water, diluted gatorade or similar

Do make sure you don't over do it - If you feel dizzy or really tired stop and rest

Do make sure a first aid kit/band aids are available

Do use toys that can be washed - squeak toys and empty plastic bottles are great!

De be aware if there are treats, you ask before you eat them and alert of food allergies before.

Don'ts

Don't wear body jewelry - If you can't take it out, tape it down

Don't wear clothes with lots of zippers, spikes, studs on them

Don't wear combat boots, hard shoes, etc

Don't use plush squeak toys or other toys that can't be sanitized.

Don't keep playing if you are bleeding. Stop and get cleaned up and bandaged before going back in.

Rules for the Trainer, Handlers, Most Pit Audience

Some pups are owned, others aren't. Look for a collar or tag on the pup. Offer your hand and call them over. If they shake their head no, there is probably a reason to move on to another pup. Pups get very much into headspace in the mosh pit and sometimes they may realize them have hurt themselves or that they have been romping for hours and need a drink or need to take a little break. Handlers and Trainers are not only responsible for their pups, but if they see an issue they need to either bring it to the attention of the pup's Handler or to the one running the mosh pit. If you have treats make sure you stay away from nut/honey based treats because of common allergies. Have lots of bandaids, bandages and tape ready. Pups will get booboos!

Talk with your pup before they go into the mosh pit!

If you have a pup or watching over a pup, make sure that they know and understand what is expected by you and the person running the mosh pit. Safety is the first priority!

Do not bring a favorite toy unless you are prepared to lose it. Even in a mosh pit, no means no. If a pup sends signals they do not want to play with you (another pup) just move on to someone else. Pup play can get sexual and you are entitled to say no if you want to.

Be safe and healthy!

Health conditions, allergies, etc are all things that need to be understood before diving into the mosh pit. It's a tough job being a puppy and sometimes you need to take it easy even if you don't want to.

Remember your body is doing something it may not be use to with the energy level and roughness that

can happen in the mosh pit. If you have a several allergy, make sure you know your surroundings and don't eat treats you don't know what's in them. Conditions like Asthma or a heart condition are not fun if they are aggravated. If you have something like a rescue inhaler, have it with someone that will be there in case it's needed. Joint and spine issues can and will be aggravated with the roughness so make sure and keep yourself safe.

If you are thirsty then you are already dehydrated!

There should be water close at hand and given to pups frequently. A pup may not be able to manage a water bottle in their hood and mitts, so long straws are a great help. Things like replenishment drinks are great but pups should not drink it full strength if they are really thirsty as it may be too strong for their system. Dilute it down by half so it's easier on the body. One I really recommend is Vitalyte sold by REI. It's powdered so it can be put in the pup's water easily. (again be aware of allergies) If there are pups without handlers, Handlers, Alphas and brother pups, look out for them and make sure they are kept hydrated and safe.

What to wear to your first mosh pit -

Wear as minimal clothing as allowed. Don't wear anything that you would be upset if it gets torn. Lycra shorts or wrestling singlets are great when more coverage is required.

Loose collars and tags that could get hooked should be removed

Keep your paws safe! MMA gloves, mitts that give you a safe hand position, even a couple pair of socks on the hands can keep them from getting skinned up

Knees will take a beating! Even with padding it can be hard on a pup's knees. Knee pads or padding on the knees is always a good idea. Handlers, keep an eye on the pups to make sure their knee pads are in the proper place.

Have fun, be safe and look out for each other!!

Starting a puppy group, planning an event

Starting a puppy group takes patience and perseverance. Don't let yourself get too frustrated with a low turn out to start and even a few times. Get the word out, plan something you enjoy. That way if no one else shows up that time you still have fun.

Come up with your group name and logo if possible. Keep it simple and to the point
Things to decide on

How much area geographically will your group cover? City? State? Region?

Is this more a public social group?

Is it a hard core play group?

These are things you really have to think about. Remember many new pups are shy and they need a more neutral setting until they are more comfortable.

Use social networking!! Things like Facebook and Twitter are great ways to find other pups.

Remember that even pups that are not local to you, might be interested in your event or may even know pups local to you. Network! Network! Network! Find someone that is local? Drop them an introductory note about the group, events and such. Remember some email groups, social networking sites might have a bias and if you are not able to post things, don't let it bother you. There are lots of other places out there you can get the word out and lots of others that will help you.

Keep the excitement up! Find those that will help grow the group? Keep them excited and plan fun things that everyone might be interested in. This means talking to them and listening to what they want to do (see planning an event below)

Find a pup friendly location, find a local bar or club will let you pup out. Talk to the owner or manager and find out if you can get a time for the pups to come out. If they will agree to a mosh pit, you can get mats cheaply at some place like Harbor Freight. You need to be prepared to provide your own setup to keep the pups safe. Make sure you also have things like a first aid kit ready and taking a Red Cross First Aid class is a HUGE plus!

Keep getting the word out! Make up a flyer (keep it PG) and post at bars, coffee shops, adult shops or wherever those interested might see it. Keep the flyers fresh. Change them out every few weeks with a new color paper and a flyer that is a little different. Contact International Puppy Tampa and Ipah.org and let them know about your events. There are a TON of puppy groups on Facebook.

Planning events:

It can take a lot of time and effort to put something on not to mention the stress of what feels like trying to herd drunk cats sometimes. Remember when you are planning an event to be aware of other events planned around. Try not and plan something on top of someone else's event unless you talk it over with them first. It's very frustrating when you are planning something only to have someone muddle things up. If at all else possible if 2 want to do events around the same time, try working together to do like a weekend of events. If you plan an event and no one shows up, as the old saying goes try, try again. Sometimes it falls into place for a great turn out and sometimes it doesn't. Try and remember to keep things as reasonable as possible. If all else fails, ask opinions before planning the event. If doing something public like at a business, mall, park, etc. with today's increased awareness with security and

transmittable virus threats, check with the owner/manager/park service director or whatever to make sure things like puppy gear are allowed. It's not fun to have security making you take your puppy gear off in front of kids or be seen being escorted out of the premises.

Events like Puppy Coffee and such, please make sure of the following.....

For the location

1. They are open and what their hours are (usually place needs to be open till at least 9-11pm or later)
2. They can handle a group (have seating space)
3. If it's an outdoor space make sure there is a contingency for bad weather
4. Know what the parking situation is before and post (is it metered parking? hours for meters? pay parking garage? street parking?)

For the online group posting

1. When you are suggesting a place, please post complete info - name, address, phone number of location, other known things like parking
2. Post price range, link to menu, coupons, etc.
3. Post if it is an age restricted location I.e. 21+

This will hopefully make sure that if someone is away from the computer and there are questions

Attending events:

At someone's house or apartment -

When you go to an event, someone has spent time, energy and a lot of the time some money especially if they are having it at their apartment or house. Be a good guest! Some of the things you need to pay close attention to are:

Smoking rules - Can you smoke inside and if not, where can you smoke. Also don't just discard your cigarette butts, put them where they belong

Pet rules - if they have dogs or cats in the house, make sure you don't stand with the door open and make sure you close it tightly if you go in or out. If it's ok to give the animals treats or anything

PDA rules - Unless you are going to an orgy, keep it in your pants. If you are doing something and someone else looks uncomfortable....stop! In some areas you can do more in a bar setting than in other areas. Know what is a no-no!

Potluck rules - The whole purpose of a Potluck is a gathering where everyone brings a dish to share. The rule of thumb is that whatever you bring should be enough for 4-6 people to each have a decent serving. Look at it like going out got a decent dinner. You would probably spend \$15 plus for Chili's or Fudruckers, and you are getting a hellacious amount of food that you will have at, so spend accordingly. Nothing pisses off a host more than a mooch. If you want to come but can't financially afford to get something, talk to the host upfront/privately BEFORE the event about it. Heck if nothing else offer to do dishes, take out the trash or help clean up. Contribute how you can that will help the host!

Cleanliness rules - Be a good guest and you make sure you get invited back. Use common sense and common courtesy when at someone's place. Use coasters or a napkin to sit your drink on. Throw your cans, cups, plates, trash away. If you are using "real" plates, glasses, silverware, take them to the kitchen and ask the host what they want done with them. You may like living in a cluttered place but that does not give you right to do it as someone else's place. Also take a shower and wear clean clothes, clean gear unless it's a sweat/piss event. then ask what you should wear.

R.S.V.P.'s - When an invite is given in any form and you plan on attending even if it's a "maybe" let the host know. If you can't make it don't just be a no show, let the house know what you are not able to make it. Don't just drop in unless you know that is ok ahead of time. If a set time is given for things to start try and be there on time or a little early. If you are running late let someone know.

Public Gatherings - Some special things to remember here

PDA's - Use common sense. Most of the time if you are at someplace like a coffee shop or cafe you are in mixed company (gay/straight) so not an appropriate place for public displays of affection. If you are in a bar and it's all good feel free to go to the accepted limits.

Puppy Regalia - Make sure with who over is organizing it - puppy gear, ears, tails, collars, etc are OK. Remember not everyone understands Puppy or all they know about it is what they saw on CSI. This is not a "Squick the Mundanes" game.

Support the business - Most the time outings take place at restaurants, coffee houses or something similar. Be prepared to buy something. These are businesses, if everyone came and didn't buy something the business would close it's doors. Also don't go and expect someone to cover you or worse yet, they order something and beg someone to pay for it for them. If someone is going to cover you, make arrangements prior - and pay that person back if that is what is supposed to happen!

Be a good customer - If it's at a bar, don't get stupid drunk so the rest of the group has to take care of you. If you have had too much to drink, give someone your keys. Also chances are the person that has organized the outing has a friendly relationship with staff at the business. If you are not sure if something

is ok or not, ask! Also don't do things that annoy, hurt, injure your friends or other customers. Also know age limits! It's it's a 21+ event and you are not old enough, this can cause major problems for everyone if you sneak in.

Puppy gear - Make sure that your gear is acceptable for the event. Know what the rules are. In Saint Louis for example, if you wear a jock or thong you must have a 1" strip down the back side.

Don't make a scene! - Leave the drama for your mamma! If you come to an event and start shit, expect to be asked to leave and not allowed back! Groups work best with a 3 strikes rule before you will be asked not to return to a group event. Depending on the action or input from others involved, it can be a 6 month suspension from attending events to permanent. The exception is if anyone threatens another for any reason including threatening the individual, individual's belongings or individual's work or school career. This is cause for immediate suspension from any and all group events.

Hopefully this helps and will make for some fun events in the coming months!!

Just remember....it only takes one person not playing by the rules of common decency and etiquette to ruin that event and events in the future for everyone