

## TIPS FOR PREVENTING BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS

- Set rules immediately and stick to them
- Avoid situations that promote bad behavior
- Observe your pet and provide what it needs to be cared for and attended to
- Supervise the new pet diligently through undivided individual attention and training. Restrict the pet's access to a limited area of the house until training is complete
- Encourage good behavior with **praise and attention**
- Correct bad behaviors by providing positive alternatives (a toy for a slipper or a scratching post for the sofa)
- **NEVER physically punish or force compliance to commands.** This may lead to fear biting or aggression
- Don't play rough or encourage aggression or play biting
- Expose dogs and puppies to multiple people, animals, and environments. A well socialized dog is a confident, happy dog
- See your veterinarian or behavior consultant if serious or unresolved behavior problems exist