



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 901:1-6-03 Socialization.

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Unless otherwise specified, this rule applies to all adult dogs and puppies kept by high volume breeders.

(A) Puppies shall have positive human physical contact during the first sixteen weeks of life to facilitate their social development.

(B) All adult dogs or puppies shall be provided with at least fifteen minutes of daily positive human contact and socialization beyond that which occurs during feeding and cleaning time. Human contact includes both verbal and tactile stimulation in a positive and beneficial manner.

(C) All adult dogs or puppies housed singly shall be provided daily with visual contact with other adult dogs, puppies, or humans; unless prohibited by the attending veterinarian.

(D) All adult dogs and puppies shall be provided some form of effective enrichment daily in the adult dog and puppies primary enclosure. Effective environmental enrichment includes any breed-specific inanimate object that promotes psychological stimulation.

(E) Adult dogs or puppies shall not be segregated for extended periods of time in a manner devoid of any visual contact with other adult dogs or puppies.

(F) All adult dogs and puppies shall be provided with an opportunity for daily exercise of at least thirty minutes. However, this requirement does not apply to an expectant female dog beginning fifty-two days after the first breeding date until the dog gives birth, a postpartum female dog, or any other dog as directed by a veterinarian.

(G) All adult dogs and puppies shall have an opportunity to safely access the outdoors during daylight hours. However, this requirement does not apply to an expectant female dog beginning fifty-two days after the first breeding date and until the dog gives birth, a female dog that is nursing,



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or a puppy that is younger than twelve weeks of age.