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Children and Pets

Ideally, your kids should help you choose your new puppy. When you bring him home, don't let them play with him constantly. Puppies in particular need a lot of rest just like a growing child. Limit puppy-children play sessions to 15-30 minute periods 2-3 times a day.

- Young children may be tempted to shout at a puppy if they think he's doing something wrong. Be sure they understand that puppies and dogs can be easily upset and startled by loud noises.
 - No teasing. Keeping a toy just out of reach will reinforce bad habits such as jumping up and excessive barking.
 - Wagging tails and play biting can be too rough for some young children. Supervise interaction and separate them if the play is too rough.
 - Teach kids to care for a dog by showing them how to feed and groom him
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