



Edgewood Veterinary Tips

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Don't Adopt A Puppy Too Soon

Puppies are so cute and adorable and especially hard to resist. But, be cautious about adopting a puppy that has not had enough time with its dam (mother) and litter mates. Research show that puppies who were taken from their litters early (at approximately 30 to 40 days old) showed more behavioral problems by the age of 18 months than puppies who were allowed to remain with their birth families until about 60 days. Behavioral problems included excessive barking, biting, and possessiveness among other things. The evidence held true with no difference in regard to breed, neuter status, or size. That extra month or so seems to be vital for proper social development. Also, in the state of California, it is illegal to sell puppies younger than 8 weeks of age. This is important as it gives the puppy a chance to learn through their mother and litter mates. People who are generous, considerate and have love to give, find that having a companion animal as a member of their family is a wonderful and enriching experience. We're located at **1055 Grass Valley Hwy.**, where we are happy to talk to you about any concerns that you have regarding your pet. We're always here to help! Please call **530-885-1919** with any questions or to schedule an appointment.

P.S. Dogs with behavioral problems are more likely to be abandoned by their owners later in life.



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