

Early Socialization for Your Pomeranian

Get your puppy familiar with his immediate surroundings before taking to public places.

As your puppy gets older, you can teach him to sit. Always use a simple one-word command, just Sit, while exerting gentle pressure on his rump to show him what you expect. This will take a little time, but you will soon succeed; always give plenty of praise when he performs correctly. Never shout or get angry when your dog does not achieve your aim, for this will do more harm than good. If yours is destined to be a show dog, you may decide not to teach him to sit, as he will be expected to stand in the show ring.

When your Pomeranian puppy can venture into public places, begin by taking him somewhere quiet without too many distractions. Soon you will find his confidence increasing, and you can then introduce him to more new places, with exciting sights, sounds and smells. He must always be on a safe lead that cannot be slipped. When you have total confidence in one another, you will probably be able to let him off lead in safely enclosed places like your local dog park. Still it is necessary to keep an eye on him.

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