



Shy Doberman Puppies

If your puppy is “shy” or “fearful,” this will likely always be a part of your puppy’s core personality, however there is a lot we can do at this young age to help! Revisit the DHDR Ultimate Guide to Puppy Resources page as everyday puppy raising and socializing tips are the most important parts of raising a shy puppy.

It is also important to keep in mind the following for Shy Puppies:

- We want to entice and reward shy puppies towards interacting with us.
 - If a shy puppy does not bound out of its crate at you, don’t reach in and drag it out. Use high value treats to encourage the puppy to make the decision to come out on its own.
- Food is a huge help in encouraging shy puppies. If you, or a friend, or a child, rush up to a shy puppy to pick it up, and it tucks its tail, pancakes to the ground, pees, or acts scared, do not pick it up. Use food to encourage it to come to you, and it will likely eventually crawl into your lap for touch. Reward that affection with food.
- If a puppy is extremely shy, start out by tossing food AWAY from you. The puppy starts to link you with positivity, but is not forced by the food to come near you before they are ready.
- Slow but consistent is the name of the game.
- Check out confidence games in this packet to find other ways to build your shy puppy’s confidence!

Above all else, work with a qualified trainer!