# What is a Human Puppy? A Brief Intro

A PackPuppy Perspective

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For Sir Bruce's Sunday Evening Discussion Group
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# Every Puppy is Different!

So, before I can describe the Human Puppy Community,

I must first describe me as a "puppy".

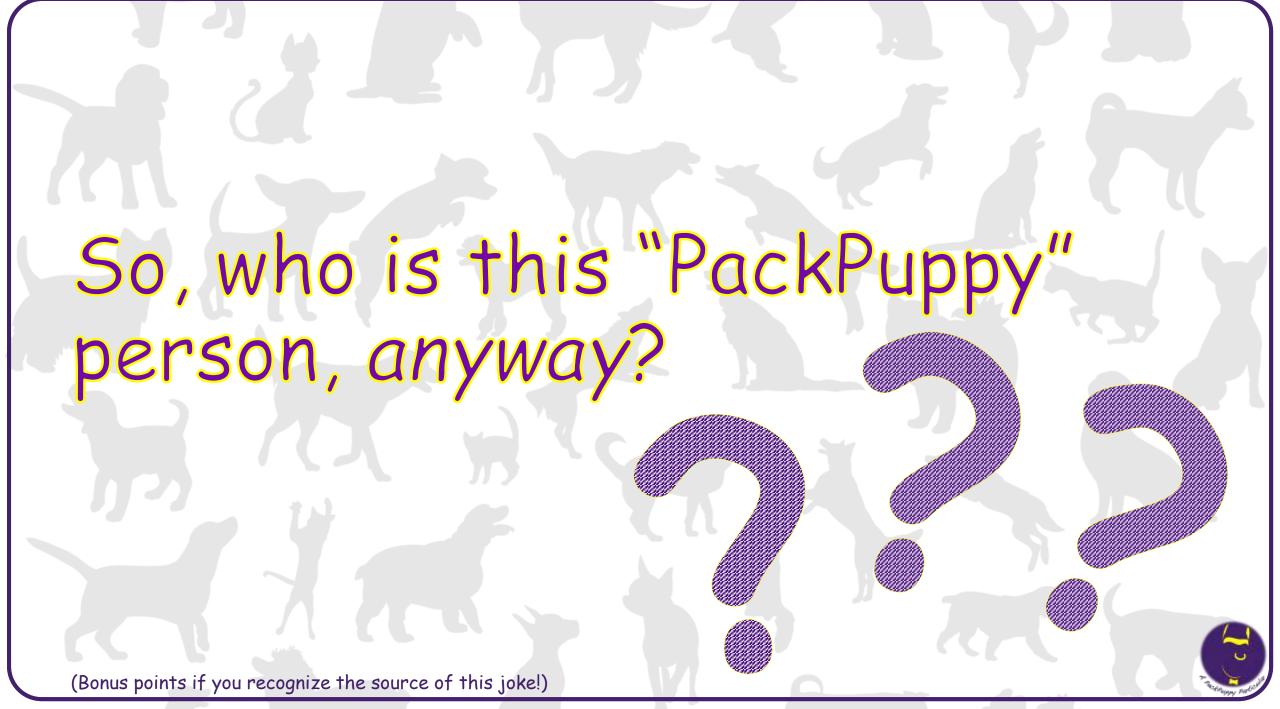




"Every Puppy is Different" is THE most important thing I can tell you!

Each puppy is in it for different reasons, and it's a different experience for each one of us.

So, you first need to understand where I, personally, am coming from before MY description of the human puppy community (and encompassing human pet community) can have meaning.







I have always felt something "puppyish" inside of me.

In mid-2017, I discovered that my inner child was still alive!!!

Since I had lived most of my adult life without him, I decided to prioritize my inner child forevermore so as to try to balance things out.

Only THEN did he let me know that he likes to bark! (smart-assed kid...)



# Puppy Headspace

# PackPuppy's Super-Secret Puppy Tip #1

- \* That annoying voice in the back of your mind NEVER goes away!
- \* We learn to ignore it!





When I "channel" my inner puppy, it called being in "puppy headspace".

All that my outer human must do is stay out of my inner puppy's way and watch. It's similar to a mindfulness meditation.

Headspace feels amazing to me!

- There is no past; no future; only NOW!
- · I have no human memories.
- I have no human vocabulary.
- All of my emotions are unfiltered, so each one feels like a torrential downpour.
- Afterwards I feel like I've just had a vacation, only without the jet lag!

The most important tip I give to new puppies is to NOT wait for that super-critical voice in the back of your head to go away, because it never does. It's extremely difficult, but you just get better and better at ignoring it.

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So far I've been describing MY puppy experience. But Every Puppy is Different! Other motivations I'm aware of are:

- Lifestyle: Some feel they are canine, but stuck in a human body.
- Some like to behave like dogs (kink). Some like to dress like dogs (fetish).
- Some are classic BDSM dogs. (See Woof! by Michael Daniels for more info.)
- Some love the puppy sex.
- Some have other reasons. Most have multiple reasons.





Mix them all together, and you get the Human Puppy Community (which is a subset of the Human Pet Community)!

### The community includes:

- Human Puppies of all motivations.
- For those who are not "strays" (like me), their personal Handlers/Sirs/Masters.
- Other human pets (especially kitties).
- Folks who just enjoy being around us. (Hey, we give GREAT aura!)
- But most importantly, our Community Handlers!

Let's hear it for our Handlers!



\* Community Handlers take care of us while we're in puppy headspace.

\* Our events COULD NOT HAPPEN without these wonderful people!







### And what events we have!

- We march in Pride together every year (except during pandemics)!
- We go hiking together (er, sometimes getting a bit off trail)!
- We picnic together!
- We bike together (sometimes without bothering to get dressed first)!
- We go to movies together, and sometimes steal the show!
- We go to fireworks together, and sometimes steal the show!
- And especially recently, we go play in VR together!





One of our most important events is monthly puppy mosh!

We all pile onto wrestling mats, and just be puppies and kitties and handlers together!

We do tricks!

If we're naughty, we get sent to the doghouse!

And once we've exhausted ourselves, we cuddle!!!

# Basic Puppy Etiquette

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In case you ever encounter a puppy:

You'll hear it said a million times: "Consent isn't *just* sexy, it's MANDATORY!" This means, whatever it is you want to do, just ask first.

If a padlock is on a puppy's collar it could mean several different things. It essentially it boils down to: "That puppy is already taken". You can still interact, but be extra careful about asking first.

A good way to quickly win our hearts is to make with the scritches, especially on the top of our heads! I mean SERIOUS scritches, not piddly, wimpy ones!







# All (Adults) Are Welcome!

Every kind of human can be a human puppy. We have:

\*all genders (including "none") \*all ancestries

\*all orientations \*\* all ethnicities

\*all colours \*\* all income levels

\*all adult age groups \*all cultures

\*all nationalities \*\* all subcultures

\*all heights \* all disabilities\*

You just need to be an adult human.

<sup>\*</sup> As of the time of this writing, I am aware of no disabilities that would keep a person from being a puppy.

### Why? Because Puppy Logic! Wag tail. Is that Notice Yes Roll ball a Person a puppy? to them. No Engage "Puppydog Might they Yes No Eyes". have food? Approach That's it! them.





# NO GEAR REQUIRED!

\*You do not need gear to be a puppy!

\*...unless you are a fetish puppy!





\*Gear can you help get into puppy headspace.

\*Kneepads and gloves are still recommended to prevent injuries.

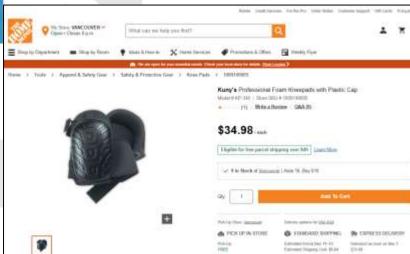


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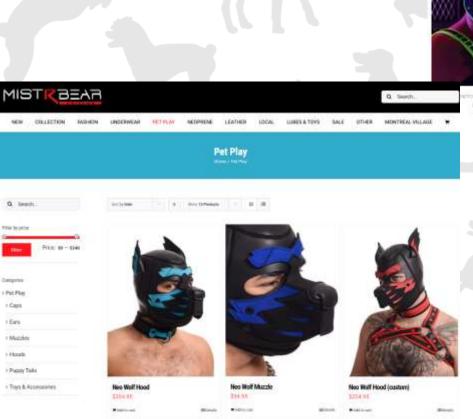


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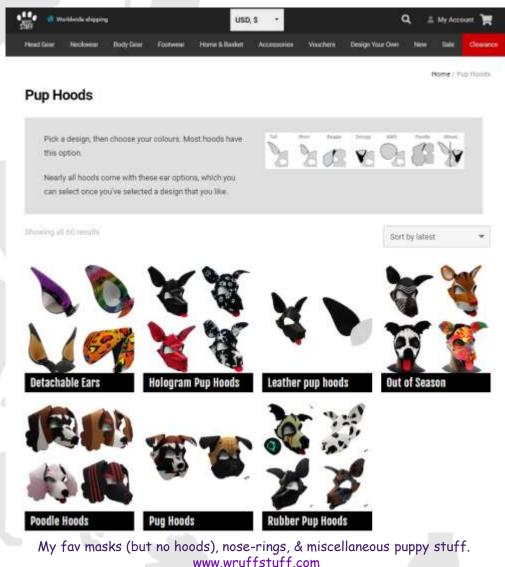
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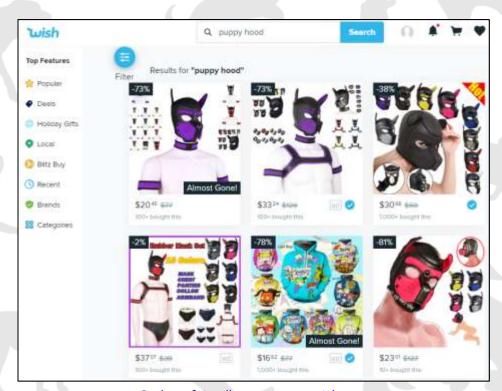
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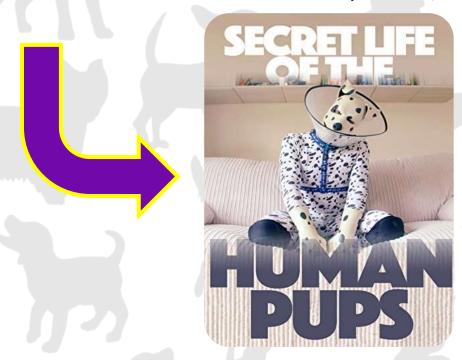


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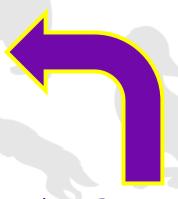




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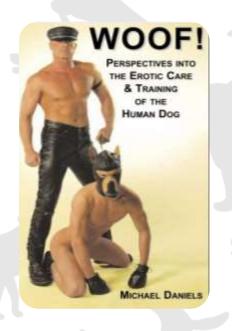
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... of the modern puppy community, and its origins, I highly recommend:

Bark! by Justin St. Clair: https://books.google.ca/books?id=LVGPjgEACAAJ







### ...of traditional BDSM puppies:

Woof! Perspectives into the Erotic Care & Training of the Human Dog by Michael Daniels: <a href="https://books.google.ca/books?id=LVGPjgEACAAJ">https://books.google.ca/books?id=LVGPjgEACAAJ</a>

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"Handler Round Table - Connecting with Your Community" from the 2020 Paw & Pounce event by Northwest PAH: <a href="https://youtu.be/yfg2se-3AwE">https://youtu.be/yfg2se-3AwE</a>



## Handler Roundtable - Connecting with your Community W/ Host Sir J Sunday, August 30th @ 12:00 PM PDT

Come join Northwest Handler 2020 - Sir I (He/Him) in a discussion on how as findlers we not only keep connected with our pets, but also with other handlers and the pet community at large. We'll discuss what it means to be a handler in a remote situation and how each of us has been able to or unable to keep our connections alive in our new pandemic reality.



### About Sir J:

Sir J is the Northwest Handler 2020/21 and handler to a wonderful service Dog Loki and fierce pup Koda. He strives to bring more visibility into what it is to be a handler in the pup/pet play communities and to help show handlers that they have an identity of their own. To this end he created a handler flag and hand icon in which his handler identity could be proudly shown. He believes anyone can be a handler who is compassionate and has a desire to lead and guide pups to be their best selves and that pups are not handler accessories. When not engaging with pups as a member of SEA-PAH, VAN-PAH, and PDX-PAH, he can be found crafting chainmail harnesses, making homemade jams and binging The Seven Deadly Sins on Netflix:









Seattle Pups & Handlers (SEA-PAH): seapah.com



Portland Pets & Handlers (PDX-PAH): www.pdxpah.com



Pups & Handlers Without Borders: www.pahswithoutborders.com



PupPlay.Info - All Things Pup Play & Handlers: www.pupplay.info



NorthWest PAH (NWPAH): nwpah.org



# Glossary

BDSM - a variety of often erotic practices or roleplaying involving bondage, discipline, dominance and submission, sadomasochism, and other related interpersonal dynamics. - <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BDSM">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BDSM</a>

fetish - a sexual fixation on a non-living object or non-genital body part.

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual\_fetishism

furry - a subculture interested in anthropomorphic animal characters with human personalities and characteristics. - <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Furry\_fandom">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Furry\_fandom</a>

fursona - Anthropomorphic animal characters (including personalities) created by furry fans. - <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Furry\_fandom#Role-playing">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Furry\_fandom#Role-playing</a>



# Glossary

headspace - a state of mind, like an altered state of consciousness - PackPuppy

kink - the use of non-conventional sexual practices, concepts or fantasies. - <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kink\_(sexuality)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kink\_(sexuality)</a>

lifestyle - the way a person lives. - <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lifestyle">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lifestyle</a>

pet play - a form of roleplay where at least one participant plays the part of a non-human animal. - <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Animal\_roleplay">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Animal\_roleplay</a>



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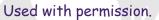
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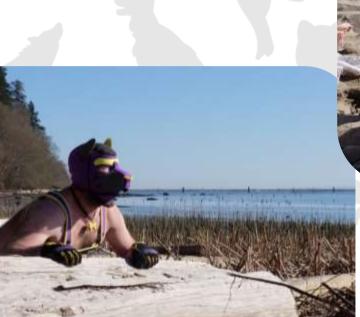




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PackPuppy at Wreck Beach.



3 Mar 2019







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PackPuppy stalks Pup Yu-Kai at the "HiM Winter Party".

9 Dec 2019

Pup Yu-Kai and Pup Stitch at the "Honda Festival of Light".

5 Aug 2018



Pup Yu-Kai and PackPuppy ride in the "Vancouver World Naked Bike Ride". Less Gas! More Ass!!





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(Recipient of the VAN-PAH 2020 Puppy of the Year award!)



Alpha Wolfyy Kai, Pup Cinder Helltouched, Pup Roxy, and Pupz Pete at the "Puppy Pandemonium at the Lights of Lafarge" event. 12 Dec 2019

Pup Roxy awarded **VAN-PAH 2020** Puppy of the Year. 19 Jan 2020

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VAN-PAH at Vancouver Pride 2018.

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Pup Alex, anonymous, Pup Taxx, Digger Farmdog, Kitty, PackPuppy, Figaro, Pup Bucky, Pup Yu-Kai at VAN-PAH Christmas Mosh 2 Dec 2017





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PackPuppy at Science World 21 Nov 2019



Pup Kona, Pup Powder, & Tugger at VAN-PAH Picnic 10 Jun 2018



& Pup Yu-Kai at VAN-PAH Mosh.

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Pup TeeKay at the "PAH Tour" Mosh.
6 Jan 2018

Pup Danger, Digger Farmdog, & Pup Powder at Rubbout Mosh.



Daddy Mark, boy Debit, Daddy Paul at the "PAH Tour" Mosh. 8 Jan 2018



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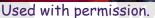
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Imposter Kit, Kitty, Pup Taxx, & anonymous at 2017 Rubbout Mosh. 1 Apr 2017











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Tugger et. al. at "New West Pride".

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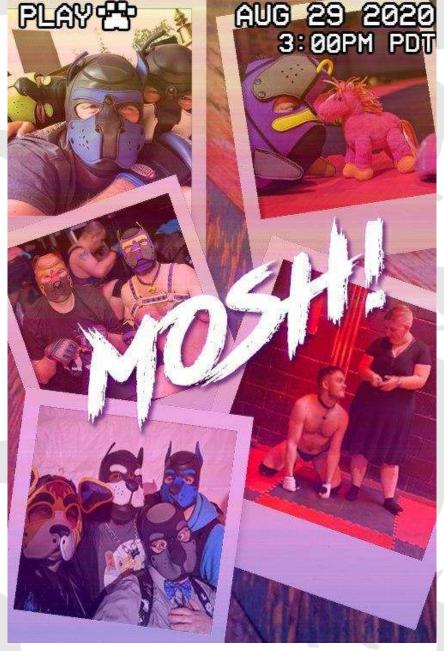
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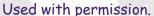
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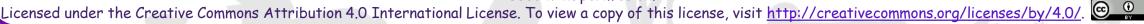


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Pupz Pete



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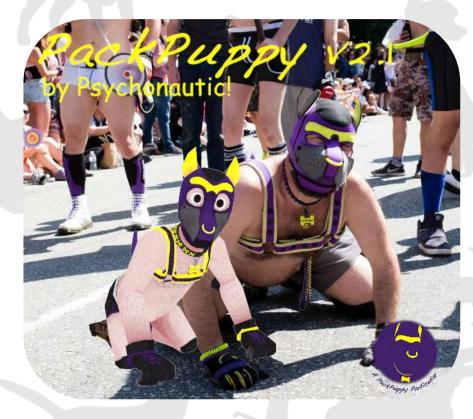
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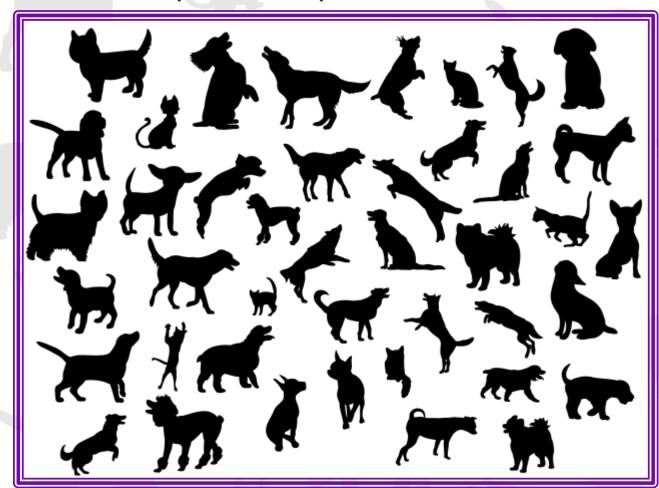
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PackPuppy marches in Vancouver's 2019 Pride Parade.



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