



## APA Puppy Pop-up Playdate Guidelines

The Animal Protective Association of Missouri's mission is bring people and pets together, what better way then bringing them to your workplace? We love playdates for a variety of reasons. For our puppies and kittens, they provide great socialization. Playdates also help promote adoption. We know how great shelter pets are and we want everyone else to know too! When our puppies and kittens meet new human friends, it gives us an opportunity to share our work with the community and encourage folks to get involved. And of course, playdates are great for humans too! Research has shown that interacting with a pet reduces stress and lowers blood pressure.

You can schedule a one-hour playdate with your choice of puppies or kittens for a minimum donation of \$250. Proceeds from this service will benefit all of the animals at the APA Adoption Center.

There are no onsite adoptions and holds cannot be placed on a puppy/kitten. In most cases, the puppies/kittens that will be brought are unavailable and waiting to be spayed or neutered. We do this so that all available animals can stay at the adoption center in case someone comes in wanting to adopt that specific pet.

When scheduling a Pop-up Playdate you should include a first, second, and third choice for what your company is wanting the APA to bring. For Example:

1. Puppies
2. Small adult dogs
3. Kittens

The APA will bring puppies to your workplace by wagon, puppies/kittens will be safe in a crate within the wagon. The top of the crate opens up and individuals are welcome to reach in and pet or hold puppies/kittens. Puppies/kittens are not to be put on the floor to run around because they are susceptible to illnesses.

The APA Adoption Center will supply all clean up supplies if there is an accident. With that being said, your company should have an enclosed area preferably with tile or solid surface. The APA Adoption Center cannot be held accountable for property damages, professional cleaning or replacement of any kind.

APA Playdates are limited to a 25-mile radius from the Adoption Center (we are sometimes able to accommodate Playdates outside of this geographic area for an additional \$100 for the extra staff time and mileage required).