

Puppy Socialization Checklist

The first 16 weeks of a puppy's life are the most critical time for socialization. During this time dogs are more accepting of new environments and experiences.

An adult dog's behavior is a result of his/her experiences as a puppy as well as genetics. Puppyhood is a time to be proactive and prevent problem behaviors from developing.



PEOPLE

- 🐾 Men
- 🐾 Women
- 🐾 Children
- 🐾 Teenagers
- 🐾 Seniors
- 🐾 Joggers
- 🐾 Homeless
- 🐾 Children playing Loudly
- 🐾 People with Hats, Helmets, Hoodies
- 🐾 Crawling Toddlers
- 🐾 Walking Toddlers
- 🐾 Tall Men
- 🐾 Big Men
- 🐾 Mail/UPS/FedEx Staff
- 🐾 Bicyclists
- 🐾 People Limping/Injured

ENVIROMENTS

- 🐾 Vets Office
- 🐾 Beach
- 🐾 Elevators
- 🐾 Car Rides
- 🐾 Schools
- 🐾 Stairs
- 🐾 Stores
- 🐾 Parks
- 🐾 Houses
- 🐾 Stores
- 🐾 Crowds
- 🐾 Being Alone
- Types of flooring
- 🐾 Grass
- 🐾 Wood
- 🐾 Tile
- 🐾 Gravel
- 🐾 Carpet
- 🐾 Bridges

HANDLING

- 🐾 Being Touched
- 🐾 Being brushed
- 🐾 Teeth/Gum Check
- 🐾 Play/rub/clean Ears
- 🐾 Constantly rub toes. This gets them use to nail trimming. This is important!
- 🐾 Wearing Harness/Collar



NOISES

- 🐾 Sirens
- 🐾 Vacuum Cleaner
- 🐾 Fan
- 🐾 Slamming Doors
- 🐾 Dropped Objects
- 🐾 Sweeping
- 🐾 Mopping
- 🐾 Fireworks (Safely)
- 🐾 Doorbell
- 🐾 Babies Crying/ Screaming
- 🐾 Loud kids playing
- 🐾 Motorcycles
- 🐾 Buses
- 🐾 Trucks
- 🐾 Garbage tucks
- 🐾 Plows
- 🐾 Trains
- 🐾 Street sweepers
- 🐾 Honking

ANIMALS

- 🐾 Small Dogs
- 🐾 Large Dogs
- 🐾 Fluffy Dogs
- 🐾 Cats & Kittens
- 🐾 Male & Female dogs
- 🐾 Birds
- 🐾 Cows
- 🐾 Sheep
- 🐾 Rabbits
- 🐾 Chickens
- 🐾 Horses
- 🐾 Senior Dogs
(the slower ones)

