

Puppy Socialization Checklist

Our dogs are wholly dependent on us for their physical and psychological needs. They look to us for information, support, and guidance on how to navigate the world around them. The best way to meet these needs would be to start with the socialization process from a very young age. This is the thoughtful and often artful way we introduce puppies to the world outside their home; to the environment within which they will live their daily lives. The socialization process assumes that the puppy has no opinion or feeling about the thing it is being exposed to, thus his future relies heavily on you to create the most positive outcomes. When this is done correctly, you increase your chances of a stable and more predictable existence where the human-animal bond can flourish.

With all the sensory overload and stimulation that your puppy encounters, be sure that his experiences and visits are kept short and sweet. Do not let people, dogs, or other stimuli overwhelm your puppy. If your puppy seems fearful, immediately remove him from the situation and give him some space to observe from a distance. Always make an attempt to defuse fear with a positive association, such as feeding them juicy treats. In fact, do bring these treats along with you any time you bring your puppy out into the world to socialize. By continuously pairing novel experiences and stimuli with high-value rewards, it won't take much to shape your new puppy into a worldly and well-adjusted dog!

Confinement Adaptability

- Crate
- X- Pen

People

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Women | <input type="checkbox"/> People in Glasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Tall Men |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men | <input type="checkbox"/> Toddlers | <input type="checkbox"/> Short Men |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teenagers | <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly | <input type="checkbox"/> People in Masks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Infants | <input type="checkbox"/> People in Uniforms | <input type="checkbox"/> Men with Beards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless People | <input type="checkbox"/> Different Ethnicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Injured People |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joggers | <input type="checkbox"/> Kids | <input type="checkbox"/> People in Hats |

Sounds

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trucks | <input type="checkbox"/> Honking | <input type="checkbox"/> Instruments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum Cleaners | <input type="checkbox"/> Sirens | <input type="checkbox"/> Buzzers |

- Fan
- Rolling Things
- Vibration
- Blender

Environment

- Vet Office
- Parks
- River
- Moving Car
- Pet Friendly Bar

Surfaces

- Tile
- Wood
- Uneven Surfaces
- Metal Surfaces
- Escalators/Elevators

Objects

- Wheelchair
- Crutches
- Walkers
- Umbrellas
- Roller Blades
- Trash Cans with Wheels

Handling

- Brushing
- Bathtub
- Ear Cleaning
- Touch All Body Parts
- Dress Up

Animals

- Small Dogs
- Puppies
- Cats/Kittens
- Rabbits

Enrichment

- Box
- Crate
- Bath Tub
- Outdoor
- Tunnel

- Fireworks
- Trains
- Lawn Mower
- Animal Sounds

- Home Depot
- Family/Friends House
- Swimming Pool
- Pet-Friendly Store
- Pet Friendly Restaurant

- Gravel
- Cement
- Slippery Surfaces
- Stairs
- Carpet

- Vacuum
- Trash Bags
- Skateboards
- Brooms
- Strollers
- Scooters

- Nail Clippers
- Tooth Brush
- Towels
- Touch Tail
- Harness

- Large Dogs
- Male Dogs
- Birds
- Chickens

- Kong
- Bob A Lot
- Food Puzzle
- Slow Bowl Feeder
- Bubble

- Bells
- Baby Crying
- Barking Dogs
- Toys

- Grooming Salon
- Beach
- Lake
- Coffee Shops

- Wet Grass
- Dirt/Mud
- Wet Surfaces
- Sans
- Puddles

- Brooms
- Hula Hoop
- Bikes
- Cars
- Buses
- Mirrors

- Hair Dryer
- Dog Clothes
- Eyes Wiped
- Teeth Check
- Pick Up Your Dog

- Older Dogs
- Female Dogs
- Horses
- Sheeps

- Plastic Cup
- Bathroom
- Hand Feed
- Snuffle Mat
- Ball Pit