



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

- Women
- Men
- Teenagers
- Infants
- Homeless People
- Joggers
- People in Glasses
- Toddlers
- Eldery
- People in Uniforms
- Different Ethnicity
- Kids
- Tall Men
- Short Men
- People in Masks
- Men with Beards
- Injured People
- People in Hats

Sounds

- Trucks
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Fan
- Rolling Things
- Vibration
- Blender
- Honking
- sirens
- Fireworks
- Trains
- Lawn Mower
- Animal Sounds
- Instruments
- Buzzers
- Bells
- Baby Crying
- Barking Dogs
- Toys

Environment

- Vet Office
- Parks
- River
- Moving Car
- Pet Friendly Bar
- Home Depot
- Family/Friends House
- Swimming Pool
- Pet-Friendly Store
- Pet Friendly Restaurant
- Grooming Salon
- Beach
- Lake
- Coffee Shops

Surfaces

- Tile
- Wood
- Uneven Surfaces
- Metal Surfaces
- Sand
- Gravel
- Cement
- Slippery Surfaces
- Stairs
- Carpet
- Wet Grass
- Dirt/Mud
- Wet Surfaces
- Escalators/Elevators
- Puddles

Objects

- Wheelchair
- Crutches
- Walkers
- Umbrellas
- Roller Blades
- Trash Cans with Wheels
- Vacuum
- Trash Bags
- Skateboards
- Brooms
- Strollers
- Scooters
- Brooms
- Hula Hoop
- Bikes
- Cars
- Buses
- Mirrors

Handling

- Brushing
- Bathtub
- Ear Cleaning
- Touch All Body Parts
- Dress Up
- Nail Clippers
- Tooth Brush
- Towels
- Touch Tail
- Harness
- Hair Dryer
- Dog Clothes
- Eyes Wiped
- Teeth Check
- Pick Up Your Dog

Animals

- Small Dogs
- Puppies
- Cats/Kittens
- Rabbits
- Large Dogs
- Male Dogs
- Birds
- Chickens
- Older Dogs
- Female Dogs
- Horses
- Sheeps

Enrichment

- Box
- Crate
- Bath Tub
- Outdoor
- Tunnel
- Kong
- Bob A Lot
- Food Puzzle
- Slow Bowl Feeder
- Bubble
- Plastic Cup
- Bathroom
- Hand Feed
- Snuffle Mat
- Ball Pit