



The Social Schedule is a comprehensive [socialization](#) list. This list is broken down into categories to ensure your range is extensive. Your puppy should experience a wide variety of people, places, sights, sounds and surfaces. Your efforts help ensure that he is curious, confident and resilient throughout his life. *As always, your puppy decides who and what he wants to meet. Your job is to ensure that he is comfortable and that the world is a fun and safe place to be.*

What To Do If Your Puppy Appears Frightened

(tries to pull away, tucked tail, ears pinned back, wide-eyed, won't take a treat)

- Quickly move far enough away from the 'scary' thing so the puppy doesn't appear frightened.
- If it helps, gently pick him up to walk away, and offer comfort and support.
- Feed, play or pet the pup to help him relax and gain confidence.
- You could try again from a far enough distance (pup is comfortable) or scrap it and try another time.

People	☐ Shopping carts	☐ Telephone worker	☐ Martial arts	☐ Weed whippers
☐ Adults	☐ Limps or odd gaits	☐ Couriers	☐ Bike couriers	☐ Electric hedge shears
☐ Babies	☐ Erratic body moves			☐ Sweeping with broom
☐ Toddlers		People Wearing	Motor Vehicles	☐ Garden hose
☐ Children	Different Environments	☐ Raincoats	☐ Motorcycles	☐ Sprinkler system
☐ Teenagers	☐ Car rides	☐ Umbrellas	☐ Skidoos	
☐ Seniors	☐ Socialization class	☐ Sunglasses	☐ Seadoos	Home Environment
☐ All genders	☐ Vet clinic	☐ Hats	☐ Trucks backing up	☐ Phone ringing
☐ Different ethnicities	☐ Boarding kennel	☐ Beards	☐ Screeching brakes	☐ Doorbell
	☐ Groomers	☐ Helmets	☐ Cars backfiring	☐ Loud TV
Animals	☐ The bank	☐ Costumes	☐ Airplanes	☐ Loud music
☐ Friendly, healthy dogs	☐ Video store	☐ Punk hairdos	☐ Helicopters	☐ Hair dryer
☐ Puppies	☐ Gas station	☐ Shaved heads	☐ Drones	☐ Vacuum cleaner
☐ Small pets (hamsters)	☐ Toll booth	Athletic Folk	☐ Street cleaners	☐ Kettle
☐ Large birds (geese)	☐ Shopping mall	☐ Joggers	☐ Snow plows	☐ Dish washer
☐ Cats	☐ Friend's homes	☐ Skate boarders	☐ Garbage trucks	☐ Washer/dryer
☐ Livestock (goats)	☐ Public transit	☐ Cyclists	Construction Sites & Gardeners	☐ Electrical appliances
People with	☐ Outdoor café	☐ Roller bladers	☐ Jackhammers	☐ Domestic staff
☐ Wearing PPE*	☐ Country versus city	☐ Cross country skiers	☐ Cranes	☐ Home office
☐ Canes	☐ Elevators/escalators	☐ Toboggans and sleds	☐ Front-end loaders	☐ Sweeping/mopping
☐ Crutches	☐ Automatic doors	☐ Snow boarders	☐ Bulldozers	☐ Guests
☐ Legs in cast		☐ Surfers	☐ Sledgehammers	☐ Repair people
☐ Metal frame walkers	People in Uniform	☐ Wind surfers	☐ Power tools	☐ Delivery people
☐ Wheelchairs	☐ Police	☐ Speed walkers	☐ Fork lifts	Different Surfaces
☐ Guide dogs	☐ Firefighters	☐ Spectator at 10k run	☐ Carrying shovels	☐ Stairs (up and down)
☐ Baby carriages	☐ Postal workers	☐ Kayakers/canoeing	☐ Wheelbarrows	☐ Sand
☐ Baby carriers	☐ Vet clinic staff*	☐ Hang gliders	☐ Lawn mowers	☐ Wood
☐ Back packs	☐ Ambulance attendants	☐ People swimming	☐ Ride on mowers	☐ Ceramic tiles
☐ Luggage	☐ Crossing guards	☐ Water skiing	☐ Leaf blowers	☐ Carpet
☐ Wagons	☐ Meter readers	☐ Hackysack		☐ Slippery surfaces

* put a high priority on people wearing Personal Protective Equipment so that your dog is not fearful of vet clinic staff or the groomer.



Different Surfaces Cont...	Different Environments	Environmental Hazards & Noise Pollution	Outdoor Events	Strange Sights & Smells
☐ Watery or wet	☐ Pet supply store	☐ Sirens	☐ Parade	☐ Drunk people
☐ Grass	☐ Downtown	☐ Thunder & lightning	☐ Hot air balloon	☐ Ice cream truck
☐ Gravel	☐ Boat rides	☐ Snow blowers	☐ People singing	☐ Strong perfume
☐ Cement	☐ School grounds	☐ Snow	☐ Live music band	☐ Strong cooking smells
☐ Swinging bridge	☐ Petting zoo	☐ Rain	☐ Farmers market	☐ UFO's and Aliens
☐ Wooden dock	☐ Walk after dark	☐ Wind	☐ Beach party/bonfires	☐ Hammocks
☐ Tarmac (not hot days)	☐ A tunnel	☐ Airport	☐ Santa Claus	☐ Swings
☐ Astroturf	☐ A bridge	☐ Loud speakers	☐ Rodeo	☐ Scooters
☐ Mud	☐ Busy intersection	☐ Building demolition	☐ Fairs	☐ Tricycles
☐ Ice	☐ Outside day care	☐ People yelling	☐ Sporting events	☐ Hula hoop
☐ Warm surface	☐ Active railway	☐ Loud speakers	☐ Clowns	☐ Kites
☐ Cold surface	☐ Crowd of people**		☐ Mimes	☐ Model airplanes
	☐ Drive-thru		☐ People dancing	☐ Remote control toys
	☐ Drive-in-movie		☐ Rush hour	☐ Low flying airplanes
	☐ Sporting facilities		☐ A rally/protest	☐ Skipping rope
	☐ The beach		☐ Street vendors	☐ Flags/banners
	☐ Hiking trails		☐ Anything Else	☐ Your Weird Uncle
	☐ The office			
	☐ Anything Else			

Special Considerations

Crowds

**Puppies should never have to walk through crowds. If you are taking your pup to an outside event with lots of people, please use common sense and bring water, provide shade, and carry the puppy. Many outdoor activities with crowds are not puppy friendly.

After Dark

Don't forget to work on socialization during the night time too! Just like us, the night time can appear different to a puppy.

NOTES

Record any additional unique socialization opportunities as well as anything your puppy appears uncomfortable about.
