

PUPPY SOCIALIZATION CHECKLIST



ANIMALS

- Other puppies
- Adult dogs
- Large breeds (Great Dane, Mastiff)
- Very small breeds
- As many breeds as possible
- Cats
- Horses
- Other livestock like cattle
- Pet birds
- Hamsters, pet rats, etc.

VEHICLES

- Skateboards/longboards
- Bicycles
- Large garbage cans
- Baby strollers
- Shopping carts
- Cars honking
- Buses
- Motorcycles
- Metal surfaces (vet scale, etc.)

SURFACES

- Concrete
- Artificial grass/turf
- Slick floors (linoleum, hardwood)
- Stairs (carpet and concrete)
- Wet grass
- Mud and dirt
- Icy areas and snow
- Metal surfaces (vet scale, etc.)
- Uneven terrain and rocky areas

SOUNDS

- Animal sounds (goat, pig, etc.)
- Crane/construction machinery
- Fireworks
- People cheering
- Smoke alarm/security alarm
- Thunder/gunshots
- Ambulance/police siren
- Doorbell/knocking on door
- Vacuum cleaner
- Dishwasher, washing machine/dryer

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PEOPLE

- ☐ Women
- ☐ People of different ethnicities
- ☐ Tall men
- ☐ Men with deep voices
- ☐ Men with beards/facial hair
- ☐ Elderly people
- ☐ People in wheelchairs
- ☐ People who use canes/crutches
- ☐ People wearing hoods/hats
- ☐ People wearing helmets
- ☐ People wearing sunglasses
- ☐ People wearing multiple colors
- ☐ People wearing backpacks
- ☐ Infants
- ☐ Crawling infants
- ☐ Toddlers
- ☐ Multiple toddlers being loud
- ☐ People running
- ☐ Homeless people
- ☐ Teenagers

HANDLING/TOUCHING

- ☐ Outside of ears
- ☐ Inside ears (not into ear canal)
- ☐ Outside of mouth area
- ☐ Inside of mouth area (be gentle)
- ☐ Back teeth
- ☐ Eye area (be careful)
- ☐ Paws
- ☐ Nail areas specifically
- ☐ Pinching skin
- ☐ Grabbing tail
- ☐ Nose
- ☐ Holding in arms
- ☐ Holding on lap
- ☐ Wiping body with towel
- ☐ Wiping paws with towel
- ☐ Wiping face with towel
- ☐ Handling by collar
- ☐ Putting on collar/harness
- ☐ Being brushed/combed
- ☐ Hug/squeeze puppy softly

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ENVIRONMENTS

- Busy street
- Busy sidewalk
- Park with other dogs
- Park with lots of people
- Park with lots of children
- Parking lots
- Shopping areas (pet-friendly)
- Inside business buildings
- Inside other people's homes
- Dog-friendly events
- Street markets and fairs
- Restaurant patios
- Sporting events (as allowed)
- Skate park/biking area
- Lakes and ponds
- Streams and rivers
- Unfamiliar neighborhoods
- Vet office
- Grooming/boarding stores
- Running races/similar events

OBJECTS

- Cooking pots and pans
- Brooms/mops
- Blankets/rugs being shaken
- Balloons
- Umbrellas
- Garbage bag being opened
- Bags blowing in wind
- Soccer/basketball
- Computers
- TV/Video game noises
- Garbage cans with lids
- Metal type surfaces
- Clicker (for training)