

Puppy Socialization Checklist



Unfamiliar People

- Men (men with beards, tall men, men with deep voices)
- Women
- Teenagers
- Toddlers (walking and squealing)
- Infants
- Elderly
- People of different ethnicities
- People wearing various accessories (i.e., hats, sunglasses, backpacks)
- People opening/using umbrellas
- People on bikes, skateboards
- Wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches
- People jogging/running/walking
- Children playing

Meeting Animals

- Puppies and older dogs
- Small dogs, larger dogs, and dogs of similar size
- Groups of dogs
- Dogs with similar play styles
- Dogs with different play styles
- Birds
- Cats
- Farm animals
- Ferrets, rats, rabbits, chinchillas

Visual and Noises

- Thunderstorms
- Fireworks
- Sirens, car horns
- Kids laughing/screaming
- Loud music
- Vacuum
- Hairdryer
- Nail Dremel
- Doorbell/knocking
- Clapping

Body Handling

- Teeth brushing, opening/examining mouth
- Touching feet, Toenail trims
- Ear cleaning/examination
- Eye cleaning/examination
- Brushing/combing
- Bathing
- Having temperature taken
- Laying on back
- Wearing a leash, collar/harness, jacket or backpack

Environments

- Riding in the car
- Being crated
- Vets office
- Dog training classroom
- Other people's houses
- Public park
- Boarding kennel/Daycare
- Grooming salon
- Pet store

Objects and Flooring

- Vacuum cleaner
- Broom, mop
- Carrying grocery bags
- Visitors (two- and four-legged)
- Mail and newspaper delivery person
- Neighboring animals
- Umbrellas
- Tile floors
- Wet grass
- Stairs
- Carpet
- Blacktop or concrete
- Tunnels

Weather

- Rain
- Snow, sleet, hail
- Thunder/Lightening
- Wind

