

Puppy Socialization Checklist

People

- Babies and toddlers
- Children
- Teens
- Adults
- Elderly
- Males and females
- Different races
- Crowds
- Wearing costumes
- Wearing uniforms
- Hats and helmets
- Facial hair
- Sunglasses
- Running
- Playing sports
- Stomping
- Limping or staggering
- Shouting and screaming
- Clapping and cheering
- Waving arms
- Veterinarians
- Groomers
- Mail carriers

Animals

- Large friendly dogs

- Small friendly dogs
- Young puppies
- Cats
- Small furry pets
- Horses
- Cows
- Other large livestock
- Chickens
- Wild birds

Handling and touching

- Paws
- Nails
- Legs
- Belly
- Back
- Tail
- Top of head
- Chin
- Ears
- Lips
- Teeth
- Being picked up
- Being gently hugged
- Cradled belly up
- Eye contact

- Collar being grabbed
- Wearing collar & leash
- Wearing harness

Grooming

- Brushing fur
- Bath
- Nail trim
- Teeth brushed
- Ears cleaned
- Bottom cleaned
- Clippers over whole body
- Being blow dried

Objects

- Crate or kennel
- Balloons
- Hot air balloons
- Vacuum
- Broom or mop
- Electronics
- Blender
- Blowdryer
- Toys
- Carts, wagons, strollers
- Bikes and scooters
- Skateboards and rollerblades
- Signs and flags
- Noisy vehicles

- Bags
- Cameras
- Paper tearing
- Wheelchairs
- Crutches
- Umbrellas
- Noisy object falling

Environment

- Fireworks
- Thunder
- Shiny floors (linoleum, wood, tile, etc)
- Carpet
- Rocks and gravel
- Metal grates
- Rain and snow
- Dirt and sand
- Lakes, rivers, pools, etc.
- Gunshots
- Crowded areas
- Vet clinic
- Grooming salon
- Boarding or daycare center
- Loud vehicles/busy streets
- Pet stores
- Parking lots
- Garages
- Riding in cars