



Puppy Socialization Checklist

Puppies that have been exposed to a variety of environmental stimuli grow into healthy, happy adults. They are less likely to behave with aggression or fear when confronted with new challenges. They are easier to manage and more fun to have in your family.

The world is full of opportunities for puppy socialization. We promise to jump-start your puppy's confidence by exposing him to everything on this list.

Rules

- Something good should happen, or at least nothing bad, when the puppy is exposed to the object or experience.
- Delicious food, praise, and petting may convince the puppy through association that the experience is safe and positive.
- Let puppies navigate the world on their own – do not force them.

Having Fun

- Agility Jumps
- Platform Bed
- Canine Fitness Disc
- Nose Work Boxes
- Indoor and Outdoor Games
- Tunnel

Animals

- Horses
- Dogs
- Chickens
- Donkeys

Getting Out of the House

- Parks
- Indoor and Outdoor Shopping Centers
- Park Bench
- Car Rides
- Stairs
- Drive Through Fast Food or Coffee

Experiences

- Being Alone
- Being Brushed
- Nail File
- Hair Clippers
- Being Restrained
- Being Petted Vigorously
- Pulling the Ears and Tail
- Checking the Teeth

Home and Outdoor Spaces

- Unusual Surfaces
- Tile
- Rubber Mats
- Tarp
- Sand
- Standing Water

Noises

- Vacuum Cleaner
- Floor Mop
- Swiffer
- Dust Buster
- Hair Dryer
- Fans
- Dropped Objects
- Garbage Cans
- Garage Door Opening/Closing
- Cars
- Bicycles
- Horse Trailers
- Recycling Bins