

Puppy Socialization Checklist



DAILY Socialization:

- Snout-to-tail exam
- Tick check
- Trim 1-2 nails
- Brush (long hair)
- Wipe feet
- Alone time

- ⇒ The Socialization Period is between 0-6months.
- ⇒ This stage of development will permanently shape a dog's personality and how they react towards the world around them as adults.
- ⇒ Anything that a puppy doesn't see during this stage is more likely to cause fear later.
- ⇒ Be safe. Scary events are more likely to cause life-long fear.
- ⇒ Do not force interactions. Force = fear.
- ⇒ Puppies that ignore their owner turn into dogs that do, too.
- ⇒ Only a tiny part of socialization should be with dogs and people.
- ⇒ HAVE FUN!

Each week, check off one thing from every box below.

Fearfulness and reactivity (barking & lunging) is nearly always a result of poor or improper environmental socialization, NOT simply inadequate obedience.



Places

- Vet visit
- Groomer
- Elevator
- Traffic
- Beach
- Farmer's market



Animals

- Livestock
- Pigs
- Cats
- Chickens/ducks
- Sheep
- Pocket pets



Loud & Moving

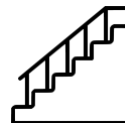
- Shopping cart
- Skateboard
- Lawnmower
- Train
- Construction
- Flags in wind



People

- Crowds
- Disabled
- Cyclists
- Carrying objects
- Umbrella
- Police/firefighters

Keep your puppy's attention while socializing your pup, to help make them passive towards their environment.



Surfaces

- Wobbly
- Makes noise
- Metal/grating
- Gravel
- Stairs
- Sand



Sounds

- Baby crying
- Loud laughing
- Sirens
- Hammering
- Thunder (mp3)
- Electric shaver



Household

- Vacuum
- Broom
- Blow dryer
- Moving furniture
- Washer/dryer
- Mirror



Puppy Care

- Brushing teeth
- Clean ears
- Bath
- Brush (short hair)
- Face cleaning
- Lift puppy up



Exercise

- Tug
- Ball
- Puzzle feeder
- Sprinkler/swim
- Hike
- Hide & seek

