

Socialization Checklist

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Week:



Best Behaviour™
Puppy Socialization & Training

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| Handling | | | | | | | |
| Checking the ears | | | | | | | |
| Examining mouth and gums | | | | | | | |
| Opening the eyelids | | | | | | | |
| Squeezing the feet | | | | | | | |
| Handling and trimming the toenails | | | | | | | |
| Pinching skin | | | | | | | |
| Poking the skin with a capped pen | | | | | | | |
| Touching and squeezing the nose | | | | | | | |
| Poking the nose with a capped pen | | | | | | | |
| Cradling puppy in your arms on its back | | | | | | | |
| Holding him in your lap | | | | | | | |
| Holding puppy upside down | | | | | | | |
| Holding puppy on its back while giving a belly rub | | | | | | | |
| Hugging your puppy | | | | | | | |
| Pulling the collar (gotcha) | | | | | | | |
| Grabbing puppy by other part of body | | | | | | | |
| Wiping body with a towel | | | | | | | |
| Putting on a head halter | | | | | | | |
| Putting on a harness | | | | | | | |
| New Environments | | | | | | | |
| Suburban neighbourhood | | | | | | | |
| Residential city streets | | | | | | | |
| High traffic city street (such as downtown) | | | | | | | |
| Shopping mall parking lot | | | | | | | |
| Inside buildings | | | | | | | |
| Dog-friendly event (agility or obedience trial) | | | | | | | |
| Location of several different dog training classes | | | | | | | |
| Surfaces | | | | | | | |
| Concrete | | | | | | | |
| Slippery floors (hardwood, linoleum or marble) | | | | | | | |
| Metal surfaces (manhole covers, vet scales) | | | | | | | |
| Wobbly surfaces (board on top of a book or unbalanced thick tree branch, a wobble board) | | | | | | | |
| Stairs | | | | | | | |
| Wet grass | | | | | | | |
| Mud | | | | | | | |
| Ice, frost, or snow if you will live in such areas | | | | | | | |
| Unfamiliar dogs | | | | | | | |
| Dogs who play well | | | | | | | |
| A dog who will reprimand puppies with appropriate force and restraint for getting into his personal space | | | | | | | |
| Puppies who play well & don't get overly aroused | | | | | | | |
| Other Species | | | | | | | |
| Cats | | | | | | | |
| Horses and livestock | | | | | | | |
| Birds | | | | | | | |
| Any types of pets you may have | | | | | | | |
| Alone Training | | | | | | | |
| Isolated from all other animals and people with a delicious stuffed Kong or treat dispenser (to prevent development of separation related distress) | | | | | | | |

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| Sounds | | | | | | | |
| Thunder (or recordings of thunder) | | | | | | | |
| Fireworks (or recordings of fireworks) | | | | | | | |
| Babies and kids | | | | | | | |
| Alarms | | | | | | | |
| Dogs barking | | | | | | | |
| Doorbell ringing | | | | | | | |
| Traffic (like downtown in a city) | | | | | | | |
| Jack hammers | | | | | | | |
| Vacuum cleaner | | | | | | | |
| Sirens | | | | | | | |
| Objects with Wheels | | | | | | | |
| Skateboards | | | | | | | |
| Rollerblades | | | | | | | |
| Garbage cans outside | | | | | | | |
| Shopping carts | | | | | | | |
| Baby strollers | | | | | | | |
| Wheel chairs | | | | | | | |
| Bikes | | | | | | | |
| Cars | | | | | | | |
| Buses | | | | | | | |
| Motorcycles | | | | | | | |
| Manmade Objects | | | | | | | |
| Pots and pans | | | | | | | |
| Blankets or rugs being shaken | | | | | | | |
| Brooms | | | | | | | |
| Balloons | | | | | | | |
| Umbrellas | | | | | | | |
| Bags blowing in the wind | | | | | | | |
| Sidewalk signs | | | | | | | |
| Garbage cans in the house | | | | | | | |
| Plastic bags blowing in the wind | | | | | | | |
| Large plastic garbage bags | | | | | | | |
| Metal pans or other metal surfaces | | | | | | | |
| Unfamiliar people | | | | | | | |
| Women | | | | | | | |
| People of many ethnicities | | | | | | | |
| Tall men | | | | | | | |
| Men with deep voices | | | | | | | |
| Men with beards | | | | | | | |
| Elderly | | | | | | | |
| People wearing hats | | | | | | | |
| People wearing helmets | | | | | | | |
| People wearing hoodies | | | | | | | |
| People wearing backpacks | | | | | | | |
| People wearing sunglasses | | | | | | | |
| People with canes, walking sticks or walkers | | | | | | | |
| Teenagers | | | | | | | |
| Children standing as well as playing | | | | | | | |
| Toddlers (walking and squealing) | | | | | | | |
| Infants (crawling) | | | | | | | |
| People <i>running</i> by | | | | | | | |
| Indigent or homeless people | | | | | | | |