



Puppy Socialization Checklist

Puppy socialization during the first 6 months is critical to having a well-rounded dog and they are less likely to be fearful. If you do not feel comfortable putting your dog on the ground (especially if they have not received their shots) I would recommend still introducing them to these things (as best as you can) and maybe even picking them up. I would highly recommend completing this checklist to the best of your ability in both DAYLIGHT and NIGHTTIME! Things can look and sound different to your dog in all light settings. For any of these objects/people/places/etc. that your dog does not feel comfortable with or is showing signs of distress, be sure to validate that feeling! You can try showing them these things at a distance with a minimal amount of exposure while treating them (if they are taking treats). Be sure to keep each thing a good experience so your puppy can understand it is out there in the world but not necessarily scary. Any blank spot feel free to add your own socialization!

Traveling		Escalators		Another city		
		Elevators				
		The car				
		The Airport				
		Flashlights				

Weird Things		Big plastic objects		Wind blowing bushes/trees		Balls and frisbees
		Plastic bags		Shopping carts		Wind
		Balloons		Baby strollers		Thrown things
		Umbrellas		Fast movement		Flags
		Mirrors		Kids toys		



	Big Balls		Brooms		
	Small Balls		Vacuum Cleaner		
	Flashlights		Tents		

Other Animals	Puppy School		Different dog breeds		Rabbits
	Big dog		Cows		Birds
	Little dog		Horses		Squirrels
	Shaggy dog		Sheep		
	Smooth dog		Chickens		
	Goats		Cats		

Different Surfaces	Bean bags		Different walking surfaces		Gravel
	Tiles		Wobbly bridges		Turf
	Floorboards		Heights		Grass
	Bubble wrap		Agility Equipment		

Different Types of People	Men		People with walkers		Tall people
	Women		People walking strangely		Short people
	Boys		Babies		People in dress ups (masks, costumes, big hats, etc.)
	Girls		Parties		People in big coats



	Elderly		People on roller blades		People with beards
	People with glasses		People in wheelchairs		People with sunglasses
	People with crutches		Large people		People of all races
	People with walking canes		Scrawny people		Bald people
	Children		People playing music		
	Dancing people				

Water Stuff	Sprinklers		The bath		
	Hoses		Swimming pools		
	Being wet by the hose		People swimming		
	Water		Water feature		
	The beach		Rain		

Noises	Fireworks		Storms (thunder/lightning)		Parties
	Instruments		Loud bang		Computers
	Cheering		Saucepans		Loud Noises
	School bell		Radio		Carbonated drink opening
	Sound effects		Lawn mower		Doorbells



Moving and Making Noise		Lawn Mower		Bus		Cars
		Bikes		Train		Trucks
		Vacuum cleaner		Tractors		Motorbikes
		Skate boards		Grass Trimmer		CHainsaws
		Scooters		Ride on lawn mowers		Fork lift
		Sirens		Go Karts		Helicopters
		Hair dryer		Trash cans		Airplanes
		"Life Sized" pictures of people		Glass Sliding Doors		Boats
		Suitcase		Remote control cars		Ceiling fans

Places		Airport		Loud fun places (park, show, fair)		Building site
		Skate park		A sports game		The gym
		Bus depot		Supermarket		Office
		Train station		School		Main roads
		Mall		Coffee shop		
		Places with crowds		Highway		

Handling		Collar		Harness		Collar with leash
		Collar in at least 3 different		Collar for at least 3 varying amount of		Grooming / Introduced to brushes



		locations		times (5 min, 10 min, 20 min, etc)		
		Cutting nails / Introduced to clippers		Being tethered		Having ears cleaned
		Having eyes cleaned		Having every single part of the body handled (paws, nails, tail, bikini area, etc.)		Being picked up
		Teeth cleaning / looking at teeth		Being bandaged or getting used to vet equipment		The vet

Eaten from different shaped containers		Metal bowl		Hand		
		Bob-a-lot		Cardboard box		
		Slow bowl		Plastic		
		Food puzzle		Kong		
		Paper		Syringe		
		Coffee cup		Spoon fed		

Eaten in Different Locations		Back yard, front yard		Crate		Kitchen
		Basement		Laundry room		Bathroom
		Friends house		Car		
		Bathtub		Under Umbrella		
		Up high (on table or chair)		School yard		



Played with different puppies or safe dogs (names of the dog)						

Experience a leash and a collar at different times and locations						

Left puppy alone safely and away from other people and animals (5-45 minutes) list time and location						