

SOCIALISATION CHECKLIST



THE GOAL: To have fun & positive experiences

TIP: Use Toys & Treats!

Each socialisation exposure must be fun for your puppy. If forced to confront fears they are not ready for it can instead create the wrong response.

Go at your puppy's pace, and at a distance they feel safe. Your puppy should be the one to initiate each approach and be allowed to **retreat to feel safe**.

The more you can revisit socialisation exposures, in varying forms, styles and locations, the more prepared your puppy will be for different scenarios. Repetition is key, but don't overwhelm. Read your puppy's body language.

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Sights and Sounds
Fireworks
Gunshot and Other Bangs
Traffic
Buss Brakes
Lorries and Vans
Motorbikes
Horns
Sirens
Joggers
Cyclists
Prams
Mobility Aids
Aeroplanes
Other Domestic Pets
Wild/Farm Animals
Crowds
Busy Places
Children Playing
Household Appliances
Gardening Equipment
Knocks and Door Bells
Movement in Other Rooms
People Passing Windows
Wind/Rain
Thunderstorm
Alarms

Places
Vets
Groomers
Boarder/Kennels/Day Care
Dog Friendly Pubs or Other
Relatives Homes

Textures and Surfaces
Grooming/Vet Table
Drain Covers
Sand
Grass
Gravel
Lino and Commercial Flooring
Stairs
Woodland Walks
Water

Sounds from People
Laughing
Crying
Shouting/Raised Voices
Arguing
Having Fun
Singing

Handling
Collar/Lead/Harness
Feet
Ears
Muzzle/Mouth
Around Eyes
Body/Tail/Skin
Picking Up/Cradling
Belly Rubs
Hugs
Wiping/Towelling
All Over Checks

Meeting Animals
Puppies
Male Dogs
Female Dogs
Kittens
Cats
Horses
Cows
Sheep
Chickens/Ducks
Other

Meeting People
Tall Men
Different Ethnicities
Deep/Loud Voices
Sunglasses
Helmets/Hats
Facial Hair
Big Hair
Different Ages
Different Disabilities
Boots
Slippers
Homeless
Different Fashion/Jewellery
Various Size/Material Bags

Meeting Other Dogs
Playful Dogs
Firm but Fair Dogs
Young Dogs
Older Dogs
Different Breeds/Sizes

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