



## PUPPY SOCIALIZATION CHECKLIST

Please use this comprehensive puppy socialization checklist to ensure you're covering areas that are likely to be a big part of your dog's life. The more you can introduce early on, the better off they'll be!

Add or adjust your socialization checklist as new issues come up.

Be sure to use the extra space at the bottom to add your own activities

Try to hit each item on the checklist in a few environments

Too much stimulation or excitement can lead to an upset belly, try sprinkling Purina Fortiflora on their food (included in all puppy packs as of 2024)

### How to Score:

1. Needs serious work (puppy was clearly nervous, ran or hid)
2. Re-visit. Puppy barked, froze or showed distress signals initially and then calmed.
3. Going well. Puppy engaged with the activity and showed no signs of nerves.

For items your dog showed distress, create less intensity by going slower, using more distance or use a smaller version of the stimuli.

### People

- Men
- Women
- Elderly People
- Children (Ages 12-16)
- Children (Ages 5-11)
- Children (Ages 2-5)
- Babies
- Men with beards
- People with hats
- People with masks
- People with backpacks
- People of different races
- People in wheelchairs

### Animals

- Big dogs
- Little dogs
- Cats
- Horses
- Cows
- Smaller livestock (Goats, Sheep)
- Flying birds

### Moving Objects

- Cars
- Skateboards
- Motorcycles
- Trucks
- Big buses
- Things blowing in the wind
- Garbage can on wheels
- Reflective objects

### Sounds

- Thunder
- Fireworks
- Babies crying
- Doorbells
- Knocking
- Car honking
- Garage door
- Vacuum
- Alarms
- Loud music
- Sirens
- Traffic

### Surfaces

- Water
- Gravel
- Sand
- Reflective floors
- Mud
- Ice, Snow
- Mats
- Wet Wood
- Squishy surface
- Grates
- Manhole Covers
- Kiddie Pool

### Situations

- The Vet's office
- Car rides
- Stop and go traffic
- Coffee Shop
- Stores
- Hiking trails
- Playgrounds
- Outside of school playgrounds
- Busy parking lots
- Dog friendly offices
- Pet Store (after all vaccines)
- Daycare