

PUPPY SOCIALIZATION CHECKLIST



DIFFERENT TYPES OF PEOPLE

- Adults: all ages, sizes, ethnicities, genders
- Kids: all ages, sizes, ethnicities, genders
- Babies
- Men with beards or bald heads
- People in coats, hats, sunglasses
- People walking with crutches, walkers or unusual gait

OBJECTS THAT MOVE

- People on bikes, skateboards, etc.
- Car/truck/motorcycle/bus/train
- Motor boat
- Airplane/helicopter
- Elevator/escalator (ride them)
- Lawn mower/leaf blower
- Remote control toy
- Ceiling fan
- Garage door
- Helium balloons

DIFFERENT WALKING SURFACES

- Floor: tile, concrete, vinyl, wood
- Plastic carpet runner
- Gravel
- Wood chips
- Leaves
- Mud/puddles
- Sand

ENVIRONMENT

- Rain (including umbrellas)
- Snow
- Hoses
- Beach/lake/riverbank
- Swimming pools/people swimming

PLACES

- Shopping mall
- Supermarket
- School
- Restaurant
- Busy street
- Playground
- Construction site
- Veterinarian's office

SOUNDS

- Car engine
- Doorbell/knocking at door
- Fireworks
- Wind and thunderstorms
- Vacuum
- Party
- Musical instruments and singing
- Gunshots
- Sirens
- Radio/television

HANDLING

- Leash/collar/harness/muzzle
- Reaching/looming over head
- Opening mouth, touching teeth
- Having ears/eyes cleaned
- Having teeth cleaned
- Having body handled
- Cutting nails
- Brushes/clippers/hair dryer
- Being picked up

OTHER ANIMALS

- Different kinds of dogs
- Farm animals
- Rabbits and small pets
- Cats
- Birds
- Reptiles