

# Puppy Socialization Checklist

The earlier you can start on all these types of socializing, the better!

## Gentle Handling/Touching (be careful)

Checking the ears (inside and outside)					
Examining mouth, teeth, & gums					
Brushing teeth					
Squeezing the paws and legs (lightly)					
Touching belly					
Handling and trimming toenails					
Pinching and poking the skin					
Nose					
Opening eyelids					
Touching and lightly squeezing the nose					
Checking testicles (for males)					
Touching the tail					
Touching the neck area					
Touching the collar					
Wiping puppy with towel (body, tail, paws, face etc)					
Brushing and grooming					
Getting them used to sound of collar click near their ears					
Touching and rubbing head					
Holding in arms					
Holding on lap					

## People

Women					
Men					
People of many ethnicities					
Tall men					
Tall women					
Men with deep voices					
Men with various facial hair (beards, mustaches etc)					
Elderly					
People wearing hats, helmets, toques					
People wearing sweaters with hood up and down					
People wearing backpacks					
People wearing sunglasses					
People with canes, walking sticks, and walkers					
People in wheelchairs					
Teenagers					
People wearing backpacks					
Children standing, walking, and playing					
Toddlers (walking and squealing)					
Infants (crawling)					
Multiple toddlers playing loudly					
People running					
People at night					
People on bikes, skateboards, etc.					
Quite people and loud people					
Homeless people					

## Other animals

Other puppies					
Adult dogs					
Large breeds (Great Dane, Mastiff)					
Very small breeds					
As many different breeds as possible					
Cats					
Horses					
Other livestock like cattle, goats, pigs, chickens, etc					
Pet birds					
Hamsters					
Pet rats					
Other pet rodents					

## Different Surfaces

Concrete					
Artificial grass/turf					
Slick floors (linoleum, hardwood)					
Stairs (carpet, concrete, wood etc)					
Different carpets					
Wet grass					
Mud and dirt					
Icy areas and snow					
Metal surfaces (vet scale, etc)					
Uneven terrain and rocky areas					

## Sounds

Other animals (goat, pig, horse, etc)					
Crane/Construction machinery					
Fireworks (from a distance)					
People cheering					
Smoke alarm/security alarm					
Thunder					
Gunshots					
Ambulance/police siren					
Doorbell/knocking on the door					
Vacuum cleaner					
Dishwasher					
Washing machine/dryer					
Honking vehicles					

## Vehicles

Skateboards					
Bicycles					
Scooters					
Shopping carts					
Baby Strollers					
Large garbage cans					
Buses					
Motorcycles					

## Environments

Busy sidewalk					
Busy street					
Parking lot					
Shopping areas *pet friendly					
Park with lots of people					
Park with lots of children					
Park with other dogs					
Inside business building *pet friendly					
Inside other people's homes					
Dog-friendly events					
Street markets/fairs					
Restaurant patios					
Sporting events *dog friendly					
Skate park/biking area					
Streams, rivers, lakes, ponds					
Unfamiliar neighborhoods					
Vet office					
Grooming/boarding stores					
Pet stores					

## Objects

Pots and pans					
Brooms/mops					
Umbrellas					
Blankets and rugs being shaken					
Balloons					
Bags blowing in the wind					
Moving furniture around					
Garbage bag being opened					
Garbage can with lids					
Inside other people's homes					
Soccer/basketballs/volleyballs					
Computer/TV/Video game noises					
Clicker (for training)					

This list isn't exhaustive, do your best to safely expose your pup to as many things as possible during their development and continue to work on it throughout their life.

Reach out if you need help or have questions.

Happy training!