

# Puppy Start Right Socialization Checklist



Behaviour problems are the leading cause of death in dogs under three years of age. You can think of your puppy socialization programme an immunization programme against future behaviour problems. All experiences must be happy and positive for the puppy.

As an *absolute minimum*, give your puppy exposure to AT LEAST one new thing each day and AT LEAST one item in each group each week.

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<b>Surfaces</b>									<b>Places, cont</b>								
- Wooden floor									- Grooming salon								
- Carpet									- Pet store								
- Asphalt (beware: Too									- Dog show/event								
- Grass									- Camping								
- Wet Grass									- Outdoor café								
- Mud									- Other Places								
- Shallow Puddles									<b>People (not family)</b>								
- Deep Puddles									- Children								
- Uneven Surfaces									- Teenager (m/f)								
- On a Table									- Men								
- On a Chair									- Women								
- Other Surfaces									- Using wheelchair/cane								
<b>Toys</b>									- Jogging/running								
- Large Ball									- Dancing/hugging								
- Little Ball									- Wearing Hats								
- Soft Toys									- Wearing Beards								
- Harder Toys									- Wearing Sun Glasses								
- Noisy Toys									- Unusual Dress								
- Wooden Toys									- Smoking								
- Metal Items									<b>Sounds</b>								
- Keys									- Loud music								
- Other Toys									- Doors open & close								
<b>Places</b>									- Children playing								
- Home Yard									- Babies crying								
- School Yard									- Cars								
- Lake/sea									- Trucks								
- River									- Clapping								
- Boat									- Loud Singing								
- Basement									- Washing Machine								
- Attic									- Dropped Metal Pan								
- Vet's Office									- Neighing Horses								
- Car									- Vacuum Cleaner								
- Garage									- Doorbell/knocking								
- Other people's houses									- Other Sounds								

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<b>Fast Moving Objects</b>									<b>Food Bowls</b>								
- Skateboards									- Wobbly Bowl								
- Roller Blades									- Plastic Bowl								
- Bicycles									- Metal Bowl								
- Runners									- Cup								
- Dirt Bikes									- Saucer								
- Running Children									- Eat from a spoon								
- Cars & trucks									- Activation toy								
- Other Objects									- Other Food Bowls								
<b>Challenges</b>									<b>Eat Out</b>								
- Climb in/out of a box									- Puppy Pen								
- Go through small tunnel									- Kitchen								
- Climb over obstacle									- Garage								
- Up & down small steps									- Car								
- Play Find-Me!									- Basement								
- Exposed to Large Ball									- A Different Home								
- Umbrella opens/closes									- Elevated								
- Walk on Wobbly Board									- Under Umbrella								
- Jump over a broom									- Other Eat Out places								
- Walk on moving panel									<b>Dogs</b>								
- Other challenges									- Dogs with cropped ears								
<b>Care &amp; Handling</b>									- Dogs with docked tails								
- Carried under arm									- Puppies								
- Carried against chest									- Smaller dogs								
- Held close to floor									- Larger dogs								
- Examine Ears									- Fluffy dogs								
- Examine Nose & Mouth									- Black dogs								
- Examine Between Toes									- Intact females								
- Cut toe nails									- Intact males								
- Brushing & Combing									<b>Other Animals</b>								
- Towel wipe body/paws									- Cats								
- Brushing teeth									- Birds								
- Have temperature taken									- Livestock								
- Bathing									- Horses								
<b>Environments</b>									- Ferrets, chinchillas, rats								
- Thunderstorms									- Rabbits, guinea pigs								
- Fireworks									<b>Weather</b>								
- Kids laughing/screaming									- Rain								
- Vacuum/hair dryer									- Snow								
- Dremel/drill									- Sleet/Hail								
- Motorcycle									- Thunder & Lightning								
<b>Harness, Collar &amp; Leash</b>									- Muddy yard								
- Worn in the house									- Windy								
- Worn on walks									<b>Home Alone</b>								
- Worn in class									- Alone more than 5 mins								

