



PUPPY SOCIALIZATION

CHECKLIST

Socializing your puppy during their first few months of life is critical in shaping their well-being, behavior, and temperament. It involves positively and safely exposing them to people, animals, environments, and experiences.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:



Remember to keep each experience positive and give your puppy lots of praise (and SNACKS!)



When your dog reacts negatively, reintroduce the stimulant slowly to avoid fear, overarousal, or avoidance.



Listen to your vet's recommendations related to taking your puppy outside and interacting with other dogs.





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HUMANS

- Various ethnicities
- Men/Women
- Elderly People
- Infants/Toddlers
- People running
- Men with facial hair
- In hats/hoodies
- Wearing sunglasses
- People in wheelchairs
- Skateboarders

HANDLING

- Touch ears
- Rub eyes
- Squeeze paws
- Wipe face/body
- Grab tail
- Handling by collar
- Being brushed/combed
- Putting on collar/harness
- Gently hug
- Rub mouth area/teeth

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ENVIRONMENTS

- Busy Sidewalk
- Vet Office
- Groomers
- Shopping centers
- Car rides
- Restaurant patios
- Skate park/biking trail
- Busy park
- Other people's homes
- Beach/lake or pond

SOUNDS

- Fireworks
- Thunder
- Doorbell/knocking
- Loud music
- Babies crying
- Loud car/moto engines
- Animal sounds
- Smoke alarm/fire alarm
- Ambulance/police siren
- Construction machinery

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OBJECTS

- Vacuum
- Blowdryer
- Washing machine/dryer
- Mop/broom
- Balloons
- Umbrellas
- Objects blowing in wind
- Television
- Sports balls
- Garbage cans

SURFACES

- Grass (wet & dry)
- Dirt/sand
- Metal surfaces
- Slick floors (tile, wood)
- Manhole covers
- Pebbles/lava rocks
- Concrete
- Carpet/rugs
- Artificial turf
- Stairs

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