



Puppy Socialization

CHECKLIST



8-16 Weeks Old

People

- Infants and toddlers
- Teens/Young Adults
- Seniors
- Of all races/ethnicities
- In uniform (police, UPS, etc)
- Wearing hats, sunglasses, etc.
- Using canes, wheelchairs, etc.

Noises/Activities From Everyday Life

- Blowdryers
- Vacuuming
- Skateboards, bikes, trucks
- Doorbells
- Kitchen Appliances
- Babies Crying
- Elevators/Stairs

Handling

- Paws, Ears, Teeth
- Grooming
- Hugging
- Patting on head
- Carrying (for smaller dogs)
- Touching their food/toys
- Touching at vet visits

Surfaces

- Grass
- Rocks
- Wooden floors
- Wet Surfaces Outside
- Carpet
- Bathtub
- Any other types of surfaces you use regularly



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Dogs

- All size dogs
- Flat-nosed breeds
- Other puppies
- Adult and senior dogs
- Walking by other dogs on leash
- Dogs of all energy levels
- Dogs outside of gates/outside your window

Animals

- Horses
- Cats
- Squirrels
- Chickens
- Goats
- Running animals
- Any other animal you may come into contact with

Places

- Cars
- Pet Stores (after 1+ round of shots)
- Skateboard park
- Areas you may hike
- Other people's houses
- Busy areas (e.g., restaurants)
- Parks/Beaches

Other Ideas

- Thunderstorms/Heavy Rain
- Knocking/Doorbell
- Tall buildings
- People with beards
- Large backpacks
- Boxes/bubble wrap
- Anything else you come across in every day life