

PUPPY SOCIALIZATION CHECKLIST – 101 NEW EXPERIENCES IN 101 DAYS

Try to complete this entire list by the time the puppy is 5 months old. Go slowly and encourage confidence. Do not overwhelm your puppy. Seek out professional advice on how to proceed if your puppy shows fear or anxiety around any items or experiences. It is also a great idea for dogs of *any age* to do this work.

<p><u>EXPERIENCES AT HOME</u></p> <p>Your hand in their food Taking treats/pills Eating alone (no one in the same room) Toys of different textures Remove their toys Meal time etiquette (no jumping) Going up and down stairs Loud noises (balloon popping, stomping, etc.) Door bell and door knocking Sound of a hairdryer Television Ceiling fan Microwave/stove beeping Washer/dryer running/beeping Smoke alarm Sleeping in crate Staying in crate alone Sleeping on doggy bed Getting a bath (in tub, shower, or outside) Hear the bath water running (and not freaking out) Drying off after bath (standing still) Present while sweeping/mopping the floor Present while vacuum cleaner is in use Seeing reflections/mirrors</p>	<p>Walking at night Walking on a beach Walking by a busy playground Walking by a skate park</p>
<p><u>EXPERIENCES OUTSIDE</u></p> <p>Walking with a leash Playing off leash in securely fenced area Walking on sidewalk on quiet street Walking on sidewalk on busy street Sound of the car starting Car rides Getting into the car Getting out of the car Windows open in the car Sound of car horn Sound of car radio/music Swimming Playing fetch, throwing toys Present when lawn is mowed (leashed and supervised) Riding in an elevator Crowds/clapping/cheering Thunderstorms (sound of thunder) Fireworks Fire (campfire or fireplace) Construction/machinery sound Walking on public trails or hiking trails Walking over bridges/under bridges Walking on snow/ice/slippery surfaces Rain/Puddles/Mud Walking on rocky/uneven ground Walking over grates/manhole covers Standing on balconies/docks</p>	<p><u>INTERACTIONS</u></p> <p>Introduction to other dogs in household Introduction to cats in household Around opening the door to greet guests Visiting at a friend or family member's house Getting used to being separated from people Being picked up by owner (if small dog) Being picked up by friend/family (if small dog) Babies, toddlers, small children Teenagers, adults, elderly people People carrying packages/delivery people People using wheelchairs/crutches People pushing strollers People riding bikes/bicycles People rollerblading/skateboarding/snowshoeing People wearing sunglasses People wearing hats People in costumes Mailman Trash collector Visit to a groomer Trimming nails (with clippers or a Dremel tool) Checking/cleaning between pads Brushing fur Brushing teeth with toothbrush Touching/cleaning ears Touching legs and feet Holding their head/feet still Cleaning dirty paws with towel Owner's hand in dog's mouth to feel/check gums/teeth Vet visit Being physically examined/touched by stranger (vet, groomer) Pet store visit Meeting strangers on walks (without dogs) Puppy playdate Parallel walks with small breeds Parallel walks with large breeds Squirrels/chipmunks in yard/park Horses Waterfowl</p> <p><u>GEAR - CLOTHING</u></p> <p>Wearing a collar Wearing a harness Wearing a muzzle/halter Wearing a dog coat Wearing dog booties</p>