



PUPPY CHECKLIST

Sensitive Socialization



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READ THIS FIRST!

Good socialization occurs gradually & incrementally over time. It's not about checking every box. Think **QUALITY** over **QUANTITY!** These are suggestions to think about based on your pup's age, comfort and future lifestyle choices.

SOUNDS - use youtube

- Music
- Barking dogs
- Thunder
- Fireworks
- Gun Shots · Range
- Diesel Engines
- Burning Wood
- Crying Babies
- Calls · House Beeps
- Smoke Alarm
- Banging of Pots and Pans
- Lawnmower
- Vacuum - turn on
- Washing Machine
- Garage Door
- Doorbell & Knocking
- Fans, Noise Machines

PEOPLE

- Men and Women of all sizes, races & ages
- Wearing Uniforms... Postal Delivery · Garbage Firefighter · Police · Hospital/Veterinary Staff
- Babies · Toddlers · Teens
- Wearing Hats
- Wearing head scarfs
- Canes & Crutches
- In costumes
- In wheelchairs

TOUCH - Low Stress Handling

- Collar / Neck
- Back
- Belly
- Face
- Ears
- Mouth/Gums /Teeth
- Front & then Hind legs
- Paws/Nails
- Tail/Rear
- Holding/ Hugging

SURFACES

- Dirt Grass , Gravel, Sand
- Concrete
- Carpet, Wood, Tile
- Wet or Slippery surfaces
- Metal
- Bubble Wrap
- Ball Pit

GROOMING

- Brushing & Combing
- Blow Dryer
- Ear & Teeth Cleaning
- Nail Clip / Dremel
- Trim Paws
- Bath/ Shower /Towel Dry

SMELLS

- BBQ/ Grilling
 - Food Court
 - Rubbing Alcohol
 - Cigars & Cigarettes
- short exposures to strong scents like safe essential oils

OBJECTS

- Flags & Moving Lawn Ornaments
- Balloons
- Bubbles
- Broom
- Moving Vacuum
- Home Robot
- Hula Hoop
- Kids toys
- Mirrors
- Paper and Plastic bags
- Wired /Plastic crate
- Shopping cart
- Baby Stroller
- Bicycles
- Skateboard
- Scooter
- Surfboard
- Kayak
- Paddle Board
- Gym Equipment
- Backpacks
- Suitcases

EXPERIENCES

- Stairs - up & down
- Friends cars when they visit
- Vet Visit for treats only
- Crossing Streets/Bridges
- Elevator or Lift
- Going Thru a Tunnel
- Sniffari Walks at their pace
- Kiddy Pool, Puddles, Gentle Hose Water, Sprinkler, Steam, Pond, then the beach.
- Rides... Car, Wheel Barrow, Golf Cart, 4 Wheeler, Boats
- Nursery/Garden Store Lowes/Homedepot
- Campgrounds with tents and trailers and flags etc.
- Car Wash
- Farms... or anywhere with new animals to watch
- Loud places...Tire Store Bowling Alley ,Bus/Trains
- Doggy Play dates

BUILD ALONE TIME

- after a 2 weeks of bonding
- 1 minutes
 - 5 minutes
 - 30 minutes
 - Containe in crate, x pen, gated room everyday for varying lengths of times
 - 1 hour & then more
 - A night or weekend away

PUBLIC EVENTS

- Birthday
- Holiday Celebrations
- School Gathering
- Street Fair or Market
- Seminar
- Picnic/Camping
- Pond/Lake/Beach
- Sports/Parks
- Restaurants / Patio

ADD YOUR OWN

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Learn canine body language & offer your little one choice & control as you introduce everything new. Positive short exposures are far more important than interaction. Be sure to work on this before 12 weeks of age. It's never too late, but may take more patience & repetitions. Some of the suggestions on the checklist might not be suitable for your dog. If your Pup is fearful be sure to talk with a certified trainer.