

Puppy Socialisation Chart

This checklist acts as a guide to help you socialise your puppy with as many people and experiences as possible. You should aim to do each at least four times (within reason). Confidence must be praised. Food rewards are encouraged. If the puppy gets a fright do not comfort him as this encourages him to be fearful. Make potentially scary things fun. If the puppy is frightened by something take him back and make it more fun. Give him lots of praise when confidence is gained. The four spaces are for a progress report. Ticks are for success. **Ticks should be in 3 out of 4 spaces!!!**

People (Men & Women)	1	2	3	4
Adults (men and women)				
Young adults				
Elderly people				
Disabled people				
Loud, confident people				
Shy, timid people				
People in uniform				
People wearing hats				
People with beards				
People with crash helmets				
People behaving affectionately				
People wearing sunglasses				
Postman/delivery people				
People having an argument				
Joggers				
Visitors arriving/ leaving				

Children (Boys & Girls)	1	2	3	4
Babies				
Toddlers				
School Juniors				
Teenagers				
Children playing outside				

Around the home	1	2	3	4
Washing machine/dryer				
Vacuum cleaner				
Telephone				
Stairs				
Doorbell				
Dropped Saucepans/Bowls				
Lawn Mower				

Animals	1	2	3	4
Friendly larger adult dogs				
Friendly smaller adult dogs				
Rabbits/ Small pets				
Cats				
Puppies				
Goats				
Sheep				
Chickens				
Cows				
Horses				

Learning to be Alone	1	2	3	4
Five minute isolation from the family (increase time gradually)				

Gentle Handling	1	2	3	4
Head				
Ears				
Mouth				
Tail				
Paws and Legs				
Grooming (one minute)				
Accept gentle restraint				
By family and friends				
By strangers				

Preparation for the Vet and Dog Grooming	1	2	3	4
Being lifted onto a table				
Gentle restraint on table				
Veterinary examination				
Veterinary surgery smells				
Hair Dryer				
Being put in the bathtub				

Outside the home	1	2	3	4
Neighbours				
Pedestrians				
An unfamiliar house				
Shops				
Crowded shopping area				
Kennels				
Passing traffic				
Passing bus				
Passing cyclist				
Passing train				
Passing Motorbike				
Parks/Streets				
Fireworks				
The sea				
Lakes and rivers				
A bridge				

Objects to Play With (supervised)	1	2	3	4
Cardboard box				
Bucket				
Empty Plastic Bottle				
Treat Ball				

Experiences	1	2	3	4
Playing (toys and people)				
Walking on grass				
Walking on gravel & stones				
Travel in a car (a short trip at first then gradually increase)				