

# The Complete Puppy Socialization Checklist

It's a big, beautiful world out there. Make sure your pup gets to know it. Introduce them—carefully—to all these things and more!

## Surfaces

- Grass
- Dirt
- Sand
- Grates
- Cement
- Hardwood floors
- Carpet
- Stairs

## Grooming

- Water
- Nails (clippers, dremel)
- Brushing
- Toothbrushing
- Scissors
- Tweezers

## Dog Gear

- Leash
- Harness
- Muzzle
- Booties
- Clothing (Rain jacket)
- Crate

## People

- House guests
- Friends
- Dog walkers
- Pet sitters
- People wearing hats
- People with beards
- People using canes and/or walkers
- People wearing sunglasses
- People of varying ages, ethnicities, and genders
- Mail carrier
- People exercising
- Cyclists
- Runners
- Skateboarders
- Rollerbladers

## Human Behaviors

- Standing on a ladder or chair
- Dropping something
- Quick movements
- At-home workouts
- Dancing

## Noises

- Clapping
- Shouting
- Laughter
- Thunder
- Doorbell ringing
- Knocking on the door
- Street noises

## New Spaces

- Car
- Friend or family's home
- Pet store
- Hardware store
- Vet visits
- Café

## Animals

- Leashed dogs
- One-on-one with a vaccinated, calm dog
- Vet-approved puppy class
- Cats
- Livestock
- Small animals

## Clothing/Accessories

- Coats and jackets
- Big bags
- Hats
- Umbrellas

## Everyday Items/Equipment

- Broom
- Garbage can
- Vacuum
- Mop
- Rake
- Lawn mower
- Hose
- Blender (and other loud appliances)
- Hair dryer
- Washer and dryer
- Air conditioner
- Blankets
- Luggage
- Plastic bags
- Bicycles
- Skateboards
- Scooters

