



# PUPPY SOCIALIZATION CHECKLIST



Well-socialized puppies grow into happy, confident dogs that are able to adapt to different human environments. Except for potty training, socialization might be the most important thing you and your new pup do together! Remember to always keep your puppy safe, and make sure he/she is having a positive experience. Here is a list to get you started...

- Your vets office
- Being restrained
- Muzzle
- Opening mouth
- Cutting nails
- Grooming (as appropriate to the breed)
- Clippers
- Being tethered
- Having ears cleaned
- Having eyes cleared
- Having every part of the body handled (especially feet/toes and mouth/face)
- Teeth cleaning
- Being carried on a stretcher
- Being bandaged
- Elizabethan collar
- Hair dryer (turned off, and then turned on)
- Vacuum cleaner (turned off, and then turned on)
- Broom
- Camera!
- Doorbell
- Cane / crutches
- Wheelchair
- Folding chair
- Umbrella
- Scooters
- Skate board
- Shopping carts
- Lots of car travel
- Travel by train or bus if possible
- Different floor/walking surfaces
- Crowded areas
- Sidewalk beside busy street (keeping your puppy safe at all times)
- Small animals (with the small animal and your puppy's safety in mind)
- Large animals (keeping your puppy safe at all times)