











# Puppy Socialisation Checklist

Congratulations on bringing a new puppy into your life! If your goal is have a happy, well-behaved adult dog that you can accompany you wherever you go for years to come, then early socialisation is the **MOST** important thing you can do for them.

Socialisation is a time-sensitive procedure. It is much easier and more beneficial to create positive experiences with novel people and situations during puppyhood than it is with a mature dog. Pair treats with all exposures to make positive associations, and make sure to bank several of these for each experience. If your puppy seems frightened and won't take treats, you can lessen the intensity of the situation until he is comfortable and taking treats again, or give him some time to settle in.

Use the table below to help you keep track of your progress.

Class of Socialisation	Specific Socialisation					
<b>Body Handling</b>	Check the ears					
	Examine mouth and gums					
	Touching top of head					
	Squeezing the feet					
	Handling and trimming toenails					
	lightly Pinching skin					
	Cradling the puppy in your arms					
	Gently Pressing puppy's tummy					
	Hugging your puppy					
	Holding the puppy on your lap					
	Grabbing the collar					
	Gently grabbing the puppy by other part of body					
	Touching the puppy's tail					
<b>Unfamiliar People</b>	Women					
	People of different ethnicities					
	Tall men					
	Men with beards					
	Men with deep voices					
	People wearing hats					
	People wearing sunglasses					
	People wearing backpacks					
	People walking with canes or walkers					
	Teenagers					

<b>Unfamiliar People</b>	Toddlers (walking and squealing)					
	Infants					
	Elderly					
	Children playing					
	People running					
	People riding a bike					
<b>Class of Socialisation</b>	<b>Specific Socialisation</b>					
<b>Visual and Noises</b>	Sirens					
	Fireworks					
	Car Horns					
	Motorbikes					
	Thunderstorms					
	Crowds of people					
	Wheelchairs					
	Cars					
	Trucks					
	Door bells					
	Skateboards					
	Airplanes					
<b>Places</b>	Boarding Kennel (carry only)					
	Daycare (Carry Only)					
	Pet Shop					
	Parks					
	Dog Friendly Restaurants					
	Dog Friendly Events					
	Dog Training Class Locations					
	Veterinarian					
<b>Objects and Flooring</b>	Pots and Pans					
	Brooms					
	Balloons					
	Umbrellas					
	Bags blowing in the wind					
	Road signs					
	Rubbish bins					
	Vacuum cleaners					
	Escalators					
	Lifts					
	Tile floors					
	Wet grass					
	Stairs					
	Wood floors					
	Carpet					
<b>Meeting animals</b>	Puppies					
	Male Adult dogs (Vaccinated)					
	Female Adult dogs (Vaccinated)					
	Kittens					
	Cats					
	Farm Animals					
	Other Pets					