

# Puppy socialisation checklist

Introducing your puppy to new things when they are young will help them become a well-adjusted, calm and sociable adult. Puppies are most accepting between 4-12 weeks old, so start socialisation early, keep sessions short, make them fun and remove your pup from the situation if they seem worried.



## Places & surfaces

- ☐ Fields
- ☐ Pavements
- ☐ Woodland
- ☐ Hills/mountains
- ☐ Park
- ☐ Sand
- ☐ Mud/ soil
- ☐ Tiles
- ☐ Wooden decking
- ☐ Bridges
- ☐ Tiles
- ☐ Forest
- ☐ Rugs/carpets
- ☐ Stones
- ☐ Water (always keep your puppy safe around water)



## Sounds

- ☐ Fireworks
- ☐ Thunderstorms
- ☐ Windy weather
- ☐ Dogs barking
- ☐ Animals sounds
- ☐ Baby crying
- ☐ Children shouting
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Cars and motorbikes
- ☐ Car horn honking
- ☐ Tractors/farm traffic
- ☐ Ambulances
- ☐ Aeroplanes
- ☐ Helicopters
- ☐ Knocking at door



## Household items

- ☐ Spray bottles/aerosols
- ☐ Vacuum cleaner
- ☐ Hairdryer
- ☐ Dusters
- ☐ Washing machine
- ☐ Kettle
- ☐ TV
- ☐ Radio
- ☐ Microwave
- ☐ Blender/food processor
- ☐ Curtains
- ☐ Doorbell/buzzers
- ☐ Musical instruments
- ☐ Noisy toys
- ☐ Drills and other tools



## Transport

- ☐ Cars
- ☐ Trains
- ☐ Bus
- ☐ Motorbikes
- ☐ Vans and Lorries
- ☐ Tractors



## Animals

- ☐ Birds
- ☐ Horses
- ☐ Cows & Sheep
- ☐ Cats
- ☐ Rabbits
- ☐ Squirrels



## Outdoor equipment

- ☐ Umbrellas
- ☐ Canes/walking sticks
- ☐ Wheelchairs
- ☐ Zimmer frames
- ☐ Mobility scooters
- ☐ Skateboards/scooters



## People

- ☐ People of different ethnicities, sizes and ages
- ☐ People wearing protective clothing (helmets etc.)
- ☐ People in a range of clothing (hats, glasses, etc.)
- ☐ Babies and children (under close supervision)



## Training

- ☐ Wearing a collar
- ☐ Walking on lead (+/- harness)
- ☐ Toilet training (different surfaces)
- ☐ Car travel (or bus/bike travel)
- ☐ Sit
- ☐ Recall
- ☐ Alone time
- ☐ Crate training



## Health check & grooming

- ☐ Opening mouth
- ☐ Ear and eye check
- ☐ Foot check
- ☐ Back end check
- ☐ Brushing teeth
- ☐ Clipping nails
- ☐ Brushing