



THE Puppy Socialization Checklist

BASED ON THE CHECKLIST FOR SOCIALIZATION BY DR. SOPHIA YIN

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Handling

Checking the ears	
Examining mouth, teeth and gums	
Brushing Teeth	
Squeezing the feet	
Handling and trimming the toenails	
Pinching or poking the skin	
Opening the eyelids	
Touching and squeezing the nose	
Checking testicles (for males)	
Cradling puppy in your arms on its back	
Holding him in your lap	
Holding puppy upside down	
Holding puppy on its back while giving a belly rub	
Hugging your puppy	
Touching the collar	
Grabbing puppy by other part of the body	
Wiping body with a towel	
Putting on a head halter and harness	
Brushing and grooming	

People

Women	
People of many ethnicities	
Tall men	
Men with deep voices	
Men with beards	
Elderly	
People wearing hats, helmets	
People wearing Ugg® boots	
People wearing hoodies	
People wearing backpacks	
People wearing sunglasses	
People with canes, walking sticks or walkers	
Teenagers	
Children standing as well as playing	
Toddlers (walking and squealing)	
Infants (crawling)	
People running by	
Indigent or homeless people	
People at night	

Animals

Dogs who play well	
A dog who will reprimand puppies with appropriate force and restraint for getting into his personal space	
Puppies who play well and don't get overly aroused	
Cats	
Horses and livestock (cows, sheep, chickens..)	
Any types of pets you may have	

Sounds

Thunder	
Fireworks	
Babies and kids	
Alarms & Sirens	
Dogs barking	
Doorbell ringing	
Traffic	
Jack hammers, agricultural machinery, loud tools	
Vacuum cleaner (especially a Roomba!)	

Objects

Skateboards	
Rollerblades	
Garbage cans outside	
Shopping carts	
Baby strollers	
Wheel chairs	
Bikes	
Cars	
Buses & Trains	
Motorcycles	
Pots and pans	
Blankets or rugs being shaken	
Brooms	
Balloons	
Umbrellas	
Bags blowing in the wind	
Sidewalk signs	
Chairs being dragged	
Large plastic garbage bags	

Environments & Surfaces

Suburban neighborhood	
Residential city streets	
High traffic city street	
Shopping mall parking lot	
Inside buildings	
Dog-friendly event (f.ex. an agility or obedience trial)	
Location of several different dog training classes	
Railway Stations	
Woods & Rivers	
Elevators	
Wobbly surfaces such as a BOSU ball, a board on top of a book, an unbalanced thick tree branch or a wobble board	
Wet grass	
Mud	
Ice, frost, or snow if you will live in such areas	
Metal surfaces-such as manhole covers, vet scales	
Sand	
Concrete	
Slippery floors (linoleum, hardwood or marble)	