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## Puppy Socialization Checklist

This is a general checklist to be used to help navigate the critical puppy socialization period. Since everyone's routine and surroundings are different, I recommend taking a look at your lifestyle and the type of environments, people, places, and things you think your puppy will be most likely exposed to and focus primarily on those.

## Visuals \& Noises:

- Household appliances
- Thunderstorms
- Fireworks
- Things on wheels (bikes, scooters, skateboards)
- Door bells and knocking on doors
- Parking lots
- Loud cars, trucks, buses, and motorcycles
- Traffic
- Being in the car
- Lawn mowers
- Wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and crutches
- Airplanes and helicopters
- Groups of people
- Luggage
- Sports equipment
- Strollers, carts, and wagons


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## Places

- Vet office
- Pet stores
- Grooming shop
- Family member's homes
- Local park
- Your neighborhood


## Navigate, Maneuver, and Touch

- Different surfaces: carpet, tile, wood, grass, sand, concrete, etc.
- Stairs
- Escalators
- Elevators
- Ramps


## Interactions with People

- Being held
- Touching their collar
- Touching tail
- Touching paws
- Touching ears
- Touching mouth
- Checking teeth
- Clipping nails
- Brushing hair
- Brushing teeth
- Cleaning ears
- Checking paw pads
- Touching legs
- Grooming


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## Meeting People with:

- Hats
- Beards
- Sunglasses
- Helmets
- Crutches
- Canes
- Wheelchairs


## Types of People to Meet

- Women
- Men
- Children (0-2 years, in strollers and carriers, 2-4 years old, 4-12 years old, 13-19 years old)
- Elderly people


## People-Related Sounds

- Crying
- Shouting
- Talking loudly
- Children playing


## Meeting Other Animals

- Puppies
- Male adult dogs
- Female adult dogs
- Small dogs, medium dogs, and large dogs
- Kittens and cats
- Horses, cows, sheep, ducks, chickens, etc.

