POWER POOCHES

PUPPY SOCIALISATION CHECKLIST



- The Social Schedule is a comprehensive socialization list.
- This list is broken down into categories to ensure your range is extensive.
- Your puppy should experience a wide variety of people, places, sights, sounds and surfaces.
- Your efforts help ensure that he is curious, confident and resilient throughout his life.
- As always, your puppy decides who and what he wants to meet.
- Your job is to ensure that he is comfortable and that the world is a fun and safe place to be.

PEOPLE

- ☐ Adults
- ☐ Babies
- ☐ Toddlers
- ☐ Children
- ☐ Teenagers
- ☐ Seniors
- ☐ All genders
- ☐ Different ethnicities

PEOPLE WEARING

- ☐ Beards
- ☐ Shaved heads
- ☐ Costumes
- ☐ Helmets
- ☐ Beards
- ☐ Hats
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Umbrellas
- ☐ Raincoats
- ☐ Punk hairdos

PEOPLE WITH

- ☐ Wearing PPE*
- ☐ Guide dogs
- ☐ Canes
- ☐ Baby carriages
- ☐ Crutches
- ☐ Baby carriers
- ☐ Legs in cast
- ☐ Back packs
- ☐ Metal frame walkers
- ☐ Wheelchairs

ENVIRONMENTS

- ☐ Socialization class
- ☐ Vet clinic
- ☐ Car rides
- ☐ Boarding kennel
- ☐ The bank
- ☐ Gas station
- ☐ Toll booth
- ☐ Shopping center
- ☐ Groomers
- ☐ Friend's homes
- ☐ Public transport
- ☐ Outdoor café
- ☐ Home office
- ☐ Downtown
- ☐ Outside day care
- ☐ Boat rides
- ☐ Busy intersection
- ☐ School grounds
- ☐ Active railway
- ☐ Petting zoo
- ☐ Outdoor Events
- ☐ Walk after dark
- ☐ Parade
- ☐ A tunnel
- ☐ A bridge
- ☐ Pet supply store
- ☐ Bunnings

PEOPLE IN UNIFORM

- ☐ Police
- ☐ Firefighters
- ☐ Ambulance attendants
- ☐ Postal workers
- ☐ Meter readers
- ☐ Vet clinic staff*
- ☐ Telephone worker
- ☐ Couriers
- ☐ Crossing guards

ATHLETIC FOLK

- ☐ Joggers
- ☐ Martial arts
- ☐ Skate boarders
- ☐ Footballers
- ☐ Cyclists
- ☐ Speed walkers
- ☐ Roller bladers
- ☐ Surfers
- ☐ Wind surfers
- ☐ Hang gliders
- ☐ People swimming
- ☐ Water skiing

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

- ☐ Sirens
- ☐ Loud speakers
- ☐ Thunder & lightning
- ☐ People yelling
- ☐ Snow
- ☐ Airport
- ☐ Rain
- ☐ Building demolition
- ☐ Wind
- ☐ Loud speakers

PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE

- ☐ Domestic staff
- ☐ Delivery people
- ☐ Repair people
- ☐ Cleaners
- ☐ Doctors

HOME ENVIRONMENT

- ☐ Phone ringing
- ☐ Doorbell
- ☐ Vacuum cleaner
- ☐ Loud TV
- ☐ Kettle
- ☐ Loud music
- ☐ Dish washer
- ☐ Hair dryer
- ☐ Washer/dryer
- ☐ Electrical appliances
- ☐ Sweeping/mopping

ANIMALS

- ☐ Friendly, healthy dogs
- ☐ Puppies
- ☐ Small pets
- ☐ Large birds
- ☐ Livestock
- ☐ Cats

MOTOR VEHICLES

- ☐ Motorcycles
- ☐ Trucks
- ☐ Cars
- ☐ Trucks backing up
- ☐ Cars backfiring
- ☐ Airplanes
- ☐ Screeching brakes
- ☐ Helicopters
- ☐ Drones
- ☐ Street cleaners
- ☐ Garbage Trucks
- ☐ Busses

CONSTRUCTION SITES & GARDENERS

- ☐ Jackhammers
- ☐ Front-end loaders
- ☐ Cranes
- ☐ Power tools
- ☐ Fork lifts
- ☐ Carrying shovels
- ☐ Sledgehammers
- ☐ Wheelbarrows
- ☐ Leaf blowers
- ☐ Ride on mowers
- ☐ Lawn mowers
- ☐ Weed whippers
- ☐ Ride on mowers
- ☐ Lawn mowers
- ☐ Weed whippers
- ☐ Sprinkler system
- ☐ Electric hedge shears
- ☐ Sweeping with broom
- ☐ Garden hose

DIFFERENT SURFACES

- ☐ Stairs (up and down)
- ☐ Sand
- ☐ Wood
- ☐ Slippery surfaces
- ☐ Ceramic tiles
- ☐ Watery or wet
- ☐ Carpet
- ☐ Grass
- ☐ Ice
- ☐ Gravel
- ☐ Wooden dock
- ☐ Cement
- ☐ Swinging bridge
- ☐ Mud
- ☐ Tarmac (not hot days)
- ☐ Astroturf
- ☐ Warm surface
- ☐ Cold surface

CROWD OF PEOPLE**

- ☐ Drive-thru
- ☐ Live music band
- ☐ Drive-in-movie
- ☐ Santa Claus
- ☐ Sporting facilities
- ☐ Beach party/bonfires
- ☐ The beach
- ☐ Fairs
- ☐ Hiking trails
- ☐ Sporting events
- ☐ The office
- ☐ Farmers market
- ☐ People singing
- ☐ People dancing
- ☐ Clowns
- ☐ Rush hour
- ☐ Mimes
- ☐ A rally/protest
- ☐ Street vendors

ANYTHING ELSE – STRANGE SIGHTS & SMELLS

- ☐ Hot air balloon
- ☐ Ice cream truck
- ☐ Drunk people
- ☐ Strong perfume
- ☐ Hammocks
- ☐ Strong cooking smells
- ☐ Swings
- ☐ Scooters
- ☐ Hula hoop
- ☐ Kites
- ☐ Remote control toys
- ☐ Skipping rope
- ☐ Flags/banners

* **Put a high priority on people wearing** Personal Protective Equipment so that your dog is not fearful of vet clinic staff or the groomer.

** **Puppies should never have to walk through crowds.** If you are taking your pup to an outside event with lots of people, please use common sense and bring water, provide shade, and **carry the puppy.**

Many outdoor activities with crowds are not puppy friendly.

WHATEVER YOU THINK OF

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- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐



WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PUPPY APPEARS FRIGHTENED

Quickly move far enough away from the 'scary' thing so the puppy doesn't appear frightened.

If it helps, gently pick him up to walk away, and offer comfort and support.

Feed, play or pet the pup to help him relax and gain confidence.

You could try again from a far enough distance (pup is comfortable) or scrap it and try another time.