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# The Puppy Socialization Checklist

based on the Checklist for Socialization by Dr. Sophia Yin

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## Handling

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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

### Objects

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| 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

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| 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) |  |