



Puppy Socialization Guide

Tag, you're it! It is your turn to work on curriculum and exposure. I had 8 weeks now you have 8 weeks and together we can make these first 16 weeks great!

Sounds:

***Hint:** You can use Youtube, Alexa, Google for most of these!

People:

Aim to have your pup meet 100 people by 16 weeks old

Adults

- Young
- Middle-aged
- Elderly
- Disabled
- Loud/confident
- Shy/timid
- Delivery
- Joggers
- Uniformed
- Hats
- Glasses & Sunglasses
- Motorcycle Helmets
- Umbrellas,
- Raincoats/Capes
- Pipes, Canes, Crutches, Walkers
- Different ethnic skin colors

Children

- Babies
- Toddlers
- Preteen
- Teenagers

***Tip:** Keep a plush toy nearby when meeting children to avoid accidental biting

Keep outings and socialization brief and fun!

- Screaming/Shouting
- Crying Baby
- Fireworks/Gunshots
- Clapping
- Busy Street
- Vacuum
- Ice Maker
- Blender
- Blow dryer
- Garage Door
- Lawn Mower
- Sirens
- Echos
- TV
- Thunder
- Doorbell
- Sirens

Places:

- Friend's house
- Store
- Park (just observe)
- Park (meet new people)
- Outside a school
- Off-leash hike
- Outdoor Cafe
- Slippery/uneven/bumpy surfaces
- Social gathering
- Vet's office
- Groomer/Self Wash
- Tile/Carpet/Wood Floors
- Puppy Obedience Class
- Neighborhood walk
- Elevators
- Bridges
- Decks
- Grates

Moving Vehicles:

- Cars
- Pickup Trucks
- Semi-trucks
- Construction Trucks
- Garbage Truck
- Motorcycle/4-wheeler
- Bicycle
- Stroller
- Wheelchair
- Airplane

Other Animals:

- Stable adult dog
- Puppies
- Cats
- Small Pets
- Birds/Fowl
- Livestock
- Horses

Handling:

- Handle Ears
- Cover Eyes
- Touch paws - in between toes
- Lift/hold paws while standing
- Tail tug
- Rub hair wrong way up back
- Rub belly
- Touch/Handle nose
- Pat back
- Open Mouth
- Tug or put pressure on collar

Remember:

Keep **"four off the floor"** when taking your puppy out - do not let their paws touch the ground until they have been fully vaccinated!