



# SOCIALIZATION CHECKLIST

Introduce up-close and at a distance

## PEOPLE

- Women
- Men
- Teenagers 12 years and up
- Children 7-12 years old
- Children 4-7 years old
- Toddlers 2-4 years old
- Babies 0-2 years old
- Disabled people
- People w/ wheelchair or a cane
- People wearing big coats
- People wearing hats or sunglasses

## HANDLING

- Approach, kneel and pet
- Side hug - one arm over, one below belly
- Paws
- Nails
- Ears - inside and out
- Mouth - lift the gums
- Light collar grab
- Putting on collar/leash/harness
- Holding in lap

## SOUNDS

Play these on a laptop or TV speakers:

- Thunderstorms
- Fireworks
- Dogs barking
- Fire alarm - just in case!
- Doorbell
- Knocking
- Children playing
- Babies crying
- Washing machine
- Hair dryer

## ANIMALS

- Puppies
- Small adult dogs
- Large adult dogs
- Cats & Kittens
- Birds
- Squirrels
- Livestock

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## OBJECTS

- Vacuum cleaner
- Fans
- Bikes
- Cars and Trucks
- Bags blowing in the wind
- Brooms and mops
- Umbrellas
- Statues
- Toys
- Backpacks

## SURFACES

- Grass
- Wet grass
- Tile
- Wobbly surfaces
- Stairs and elevators
- Snow and ice
- Pavement
- Rocks
- Vet Scales

Reminder - if your puppy is exhibiting yellow or weary body language, add something positive and go slow.

If your puppy is exhibiting red or fearful body language, create distance, up the motivator, and shorten the duration. Contact me with any questions!

## PLACES

- Vet - in the lobby and the rooms
- Parks
- Kennel/crate
- Groomer
- Boarding kennel/daycare
- Parking lots
- City Streets
- Lake

## EXPERIENCES

- People coming through the front door
- Bath/Brush
- Riding in a car
- Being left alone at home for a short period of time
- Being left alone in another room for a short period of time