



Socialisation/Habituation Check List

Early puppy socialisation experiences are vital if you want your puppy to enjoy a lifetime of confident, friendly communication with the world around him.

To encourage your puppy to see the world as a friendly place, it's important to introduce him to as many new and different people, sights, sounds, smells and situations as possible.

Place a tick at every encounter. Remember to carry on these processes until your dog is at least twelve months old.

**Environmental Experiences**

- Veterinary surgery - - - - -
- Other people's houses - - - - -
- Inside a pub/shop - - - - -
- Outside a supermarket (not left alone) - - - - -
- School gate - - - - -
- Fete/car boot sale - - - - -
- Roadside - - - - -
- Car travel - - - - -
- Public transport - - - - -
- Vehicles with sirens - - - - -
- Park/rural environment - - - - -
- Town/city - - - - -
- Stairs/lift - - - - -
- Pushchair - - - - -
- Shopping trolley - - - - -
- Dustbin - - - - -

**Household Items**

- Vacuum Cleaner - - - - -
- Washing Machine - - - - -
- Telephone - - - - -
- Tumble Dryer - - - - -
- Lawn Mower - - - - -
- Broom and mop - - - - -
- Hair Dryer - - - - -
- Ironing board - - - - -
- Vehicles - - - - -
- DIY tools - - - - -

## People

- Men
- Women
- Children/babies
- Teenagers
- Elderly people
- Confident/loud people
- Shy/quiet people
- Delivery people (e.g. Postman)
- Someone with a walking stick/umbrella
- People wearing hats/helmets
- Someone with their hood up
- People wearing glasses
- People in wheelchairs
- People of different ethnic origins
- Men with facial hair
- People in uniform (especially hi-vis jackets)
- People arriving/leaving the house
- Fishermen
- Refuse collectors

## Other dogs

- Large adult dogs
- Small adult dogs
- Black or brown adult dogs
- Yellow or white adult dogs
- Dogs on-lead
- Dogs off-lead
- Other puppies

## Other Animals

- Horse
- Cat
- Ducks/swans/geese/chickens
- Cows
- Sheep

## Life Training

- Settle in each room
- Having lead on and off
- Handling exercises (in ears, mouth, between toes)
- Grooming
- Wiping paws
- Clipping/filing nails
- Teeth brushing
- Being left alone
- Walking in the rain

Remember all experiences must be positive and controlled so that your puppy learns to accept everyday life without being afraid. Please speak to your trainer if your puppy is displaying fear towards any of these stimuli, so you can be advised on how to increase your pup's confidence in its presence.