

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.*

What To Do If Your Puppy Appears Frightened

(tries to pull away, tucked tail, ears pinned back, wide-eyed, won't take a treat)

- 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.

People	Shopping carts	Telephone worker	Martial arts	Weed whippers
Adults	Limps or odd gaits	Couriers	Bike couriers	Electric hedge shears
Babies	Erratic body moves			Sweeping with broom
Toddlers		People Wearing	Motor Vehicles	Garden hose
Children	Different Environments	Raincoats	Motorcycles	Sprinkler system
Teenagers	Car rides	Umbrellas	Skidoos	
Seniors	Socialization class	Sunglasses	Seadoos	Home Environment
All genders	Vet clinic	Hats	Trucks backing up	Phone ringing
Different ethnicities	Boarding kennel	Beards	Screeching brakes	Doorbell
	Groomers	Helmets	Cars backfiring	Loud TV
Animals	The bank	Costumes	Airplanes	Loud music
Friendly, healthy dogs	Video store	Punk hairdos	Helicopters	Hair dryer
Puppies	Gas station	Shaved heads	Drones	Vacuum cleaner
Small pets (hamsters)	Toll booth		Street cleaners	Kettle
Large birds (geese)	Shopping mall	Athletic Folk	Snow plows	Dish washer
Cats	Friend's homes	Joggers	Garbage trucks	Washer/dryer
Livestock (goats)	Public transit	Skate boarders		Electrical appliances
	Outdoor café	Cyclists	Construction Sites & Gardeners	Domestic staff
People with	Country versus city	Roller bladers	Jackhammers	Home office
<i>Wearing PPE*</i>	Elevators/escalators	Cross country skiers	Cranes	Sweeping/mopping
Canes	Automatic doors	Toboggans and sleds	Front-end loaders	Guests
Crutches		Snow boarders	Bulldozers	Repair people
Legs in cast	People in Uniform	Surfers	Sledgehammers	Delivery people
Metal frame walkers	Police	Wind surfers	Power tools	
Wheelchairs	Firefighters	Speed walkers	Fork lifts	Different Surfaces
Guide dogs	Postal workers	Spectator at 10k run	Carrying shovels	Stairs (up and down)
Baby carriages	<i>Vet clinic staff*</i>	Kayakers/canoeing	Wheelbarrows	Sand
Baby carriers	Ambulance attendants	Hang gliders	Lawn mowers	Wood
Back packs	Crossing guards	People swimming	Ride on mowers	Ceramic tiles
Luggage	Meter readers	Water skiing	Leaf blowers	Carpet
Wagons		Hacksack		Slippery surfaces

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



Different Surfaces Cont...

- Watery or wet
- Grass
- Gravel
- Cement
- Swinging bridge
- Wooden dock
- Tarmac (not hot days)
- Astroturf
- Mud
- Ice
- Warm surface
- Cold surface

Different Environments

- Pet supply store
- Downtown
- Boat rides
- School grounds
- Petting zoo
- Walk after dark
- A tunnel
- A bridge
- Busy intersection
- Outside day care
- Active railway
- Crowd of people**
- Drive-thru
- Drive-in-movie
- Sporting facilities
- The beach
- Hiking trails
- The office
- Anything else

Environmental Hazards & Noise Pollution

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

Outdoor Events

- Parade
- Hot air balloon
- People singing
- Live music band
- Farmers market
- Beach party/bonfires
- Santa Claus
- Rodeo
- Fairs
- Sporting events
- Clowns
- Mimes
- People dancing
- Rush hour
- A rally/protest
- Street vendors
- Anything else

Strange Sights & Smells

- Drunk people
- Ice cream truck
- Strong perfume
- Strong cooking smells
- UFO's and Aliens
- Hammocks
- Swings
- Scooters
- Tricycles
- Hula hoop
- Kites
- Model airplanes
- Remote control toys
- Low flying airplanes
- Skipping rope
- Flags/banners
- Your weird uncle

Special Considerations

Crowd of people

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.

After Dark
Don't forget to work on socialization during the nighttime too! Just like us, the nighttime can appear different to a puppy.

NOTES

Record any additional unique socialization opportunities as well as anything your puppy appears uncomfortable with.

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