



Puppy Socialization

We all want our dogs and puppies to be happy and safe members of the family. Socialization happens for puppies between 3 and 20 months. During this time, your puppy is learning what is safe and what to avoid.

If you want an adult dog that will be friendly meeting new people and new dogs in new places, you'll want to complete this checklist.

We want your puppy to feel comfortable and happy when encountering these new experiences. Don't forget the treats!

People of Varying Ages:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seniors ○ Adults ○ Teenagers ○ Toddlers
People Using Equipment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wheelchair ○ Cane ○ Walker ○ Stroller ○ Bikes ○ Skates/Skateboard
People in Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Loud party ○ Groups of children playing ○ Restaurant patio ○ Singing, Dancing, Clapping ○ Jogging/Running ○ Jumping/Hopping
People Wearing Unique Clothing:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hats ○ Glasses ○ Masks ○ Coats with hoods up ○ Boots ○ Uniforms
Household Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vacuum ○ Blender

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Items with Alarms/Timers ○ Doorbell ○ Television ○ Noisy children's toys ○ Umbrellas (open and close)
Unique Sounds:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recorded storms ○ Recorded fireworks ○ Plastic bags popping ○ Sounds of air released slowly from balloon ○ Loud item dropping
New Places:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Restaurant patio ○ Dog park ○ Groomers ○ Pet-friendly stores ○ Other homes
New Experiences:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Car rides ○ Using an elevator ○ Different flooring ○ Using stairs ○ Automatic Doors ○ Getting a bath
New Friends:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Other dogs ○ Cats ○ Horses/Livestock ○ Pocket Pets ○ Reptiles ○ New people, too!
Everyday Dog Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spray bottle with water ○ Dog brush ○ Blow-dryer ○ Toothbrush

Please contact our JHS Behavior Team for more info: behavior@jaxhumane.org

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