



PUPPY SOCIALIZATION



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Adopting a new puppy is exciting but comes with big responsibility. Alongside basic needs, appropriate socialization is vital to your pet's development. Proper introduction to people, animals and places will help your puppy mature into a well-balanced and friendly dog.

TIPS

- ▶ Start socialization as a puppy to avoid later behavioral issues
 - 3-14 weeks old is ideal
- ▶ Keep the experience positive
- ▶ Reward with praise, treats or toys when making introductions
- ▶ Unless fully vaccinated, minimize exposure to public areas where there are many other dogs
- ▶ Avoid harmful objects and unfriendly pets
- ▶ Socialization location is important
 - **SAFE**
 - A quiet, comfortable place at your home
 - Home of friends and family with healthy pets
 - Puppy obedience classes with vaccinated dogs
 - **UNSAFE**
 - Dog parks
 - Pet stores
 - Crowded or noisy places
 - Busy sidewalks and streets
- ▶ Keep socialization as an ongoing part of your dog's life



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OPTIMAL SOCIALIZATION

It is optimal to expose your puppy to unfamiliar situations, places and objects they may encounter daily in order to train them to respond calmly.

THESE EXPOSURES INCLUDE:

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| People | Varying ages, heights, genders, and ethnicities |
| Pets | Other dogs, household pets such as cats, birds, and pocket pets |
| Places | Car, relatives' homes, local streets, or safe outdoor areas |
| Objects | Clothing like hooded sweatshirts, hats, masks, sunglasses, boots, gloves
Cleaning devices such as brooms, vacuums, mops, trash cans, lawn tools
Vehicles such as trucks, cars, motorcycles, bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, wheelchairs
Surfaces like metal floors or grates, grass, cold or wet flooring |
| Experiences | Harsh noises like vacuuming, thunder, fireworks, loud vehicles, crying children
Grooming such as brushing, bathing, nail trimming, tooth brushing, eye and ear cleaning
Veterinary visits including being weighed and examined
Social gatherings with unfamiliar people, loud conversations, music, crowds |

We offer behavioral counseling services that include puppy socialization.

Schedule an appointment for your puppy today!



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