

SOCIALISE YOUR PUPPY

A puppy's key socialisation period is up to 16 weeks of age but older puppies and dogs can also benefit from gradual introduction to new things with positive reinforcement

Print & use this tick list to get your puppy used to as many experiences as possible

TOP TIP - Don't overload your puppy with new things and keep sessions short but often

BEING HANDLED

- Eyes
- Ears
- Mouth
- Paws
- Tails
- Teeth cleaning
- Grooming



SURFACES

- Concrete path
- Laminate/tiled floor
- Gravel
- Rough doormat
- Wooden decking
- Grass
- Steps & stairs
- Mud
- Sand



AT HOME

- Vacuum
- Home appliances
- Kitchen clattering
- Doorbell/knocker
- Post arriving
- Music & TV noise
- Fireworks
- Hair dryer
- Lawnmower
- Loud noises



OUT & ABOUT

- Vet visits
- Your neighbourhood
- Walking near traffic
- Parks
- Walking by water
- Crowds
- Dog-friendly shops
- Car travel
- Puppy training classes
- Safe swimming



ANIMALS & FRIENDLY PETS

- Dogs
- Cats
- Smaller pets
- Livestock
- Wildlife (no chasing)
- Horses
- Livestock



PEOPLE

- Children
- Elderly
- Postal/delivery people
- Wearing glasses/hat
- In High-Vis

