



SOCIALIZATION

Socialization is all about building confidence in puppies so they can be our carefree companions as they grow and join us on life's adventure.

The information in this brochure is for the average puppy. If you have a fearful puppy and don't know where to begin the socialization journey, we can help you create a socialization plan tailored to your puppy's specific needs.



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PUPPY SOCIALIZATION



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WHAT IS SOCIALIZATION?

Socialization is gradual, positive exposure to anything a puppy might experience later in life. We work to build positive associations with new experiences by pairing treats, toys, play, or praise with each new encounter. We avoid overwhelming puppies and let them explore and approach new things at their own pace.

WHY IS SOCIALIZATION IMPORTANT?

Undersocialized puppies may develop anxiety or even aggression later in life. They may not enjoy fun outings with their humans and their welfare can suffer as a result.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

The critical socialization period (which lasts up to 16 weeks) occurs during the period of time that puppies are being vaccinated, so certain precautions are necessary. Puppies should avoid areas unvaccinated dogs may have been such as dog parks or pet stores. To reduce risk, puppies can be carried or placed in a carry bag, wagon, stroller, or shopping cart to visit stores, parks, and other locations where they can experience a variety of new sights, sounds, and unfamiliar people.



HOW TO PROPERLY SOCIALIZER PUPPIES



It's helpful to consider your lifestyle first. For example, if you envision your dog accompanying you to soccer games, RV trips, kayaking, large parties, camping, etc, then you'll want to focus extra energy on exposure to these types of activities.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS WHEN SOCIALIZING A PUPPY:



SIGHTS

Costumes, hats, large or moving decorations, strollers, canes, walkers, bikes, skateboards, wheelchairs, scooters, crowds, other animals, umbrellas, brooms & mops, etc.



SOUNDS

Audio from YouTube can be used to ensure gentle exposure to fireworks (via recording only), household appliances, vacuum, kids screaming, busy street noises, motorcycles, social sounds (chatter, babies), etc.



EXPERIENCES

Walking on different surfaces, eating out of novel containers, going to a drive thru, park, beach, store, school etc.



GROOMING AND HANDLING

Introducing brushing and grooming, having feet and ears touched, practicing for bathing, restraint, and veterinary examination.

For a more in-depth guide on how to properly socialize puppies, you can follow the QR code below, or visit www.HomeSchooledHound.com

