



# Puppy Socialization

## Ideas to Spark Creativity!

Puppy socialization is not only tons of fun, but also critical to raising confident, resilient pups ready to take on the weird and wonderful challenges of the modern world. Remember that every puppy is different! Use your sharp eye for puppy body language and desensitization/counterconditioning skills to help puppies readily overcome challenges and feel like confident winners! Reach out for support if the pup is having trouble.

Not sure where to start? Check out some of the ideas below!

	Start Here!	A Bit More Challenge...	Tough Stuff!
Surfaces	Tarp Grass Concrete or tile Carpet Bathtub	Wet grass Carpeted stairs Metal plates Gravel or sand Slippery floor	Grates Glass elevators Glass walkways Slick/open stairs Unstable planks
Sounds	Music Movies Doorbells	Car engines Vacuum Crying babies Kids playing	Popping balloons Thunder Sirens Bottle/can recycling
Objects/ Animals	Umbrellas Big hats/helmets Blowing fans Mirrors Beards Calm dogs/cats	Bikes/skateboards Balloons Large statues Walkers/wheelchairs Grocery carts Small critters	Public transit Diesel trucks Livestock Active barking dogs
Places	Friends' houses Local library Residential traffic Gym Quiet office	Elevators Indoor/outdoor malls Restaurants Ice rink Grocery stores Downtown areas	Parades Amusement parks Bowling alley Skate parks Sporting events

**NEVER:** zoos, escalators, revolving doors, moving sidewalks, firework displays, amusement rides, places with unknown off-leash dogs