



What should you socialize your new puppy to?

Everything!! Your puppy should experience a bit of cold, funny noises, strange hats, interesting textures, calm restraint (praise and release it when it is calm), new dogs (your own dogs are not enough!) and many other things.

Directions: Check off 7-10 Socialization items (pages 1-2) and 5-6 Manners items (page 3) every day. Socialization & biting practice takes priority over training. Use all of your puppy's dog food for socialization, training, or entertainment (food puzzles). Don't waste food by putting it in a dish.

Make sure new things are safe and fun for the puppy. Let's say that you hear a siren while walking your puppy. Don't use the "it's okay" tone of voice – it seems to tell puppies that you're afraid, too. Give a treat or toy and either say nothing or happily say how fabulous it is that you just heard a siren. If something might be at all scary, feed lots of treats just after the new item appears! If your puppy is scared but will probably calm down in that situation with a few treats and some happy talk, stay there. If it looks like the panic is just going to get worse, leave the situation. As soon as possible, gradually get your dog used to the scary monster (noise, sight, surface, whatever). Start with a less intense version of the monster: lower volume, bigger distance, etc.

Humans are most scary when they make eye contact and loom over the dog. Be ready for your dog's experience of this by providing treats whenever your puppy meets someone new. Feed Puppy while the human pets him. If your dog is especially shy, have *every* calorie come from strangers for at least a week. Have him meet new humans in profile (their side faces the dog), so that it's less scary. They can calmly crouch down and wait for the puppy to greet them, rather than reaching out for the puppy. When petting shy dogs, pet under the chin instead of on top of the head.

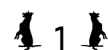
Glossary (words not defined here are in the Basic-Skills.doc handout)

2-fer sit: Give your puppy one treat for every two sits. Click and Treat the faster sit, simply release the dog from the slower one using "okay" or "free."

Hide and Seek Recall: Starting in a quiet place, distract your dog with food on the floor, then go hide. Call your dog ("Fido, come!"). Praise lavishly, treat, and or run around like a goof when your dog finds you. Eventually do this activity at parks or on hikes.

Jumping Blitz: Do this activity several times in a row, with several different people. Restrain the dog using a leash or baby gate. Approach the dog. If she jumps, say "too bad" and leave for 10 seconds. If she has all paws on the floor or is sitting, click and reward.

Offered Sit: When your dog happens to sit, click and reward. We're just telling the dog, "I like it when you put your bottom on the ground." Later, we'll pair this with the cue, "sit."



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Socialization Scavenger Hunt

To get your FREE TOY, bring **this page only** to your instructor.



Puppy Name: _____

The goal of this Scavenger Hunt is to get you in the habit of socializing and training your puppy all over town. You must have a **different** business sign off on each item, so that your dog gets more exposure. If your puppy has less than two sets of Distemper/Parvo shots, you may want to carry your puppy, rather than having him/her walk.

For the complete list of participating businesses, please visit www.DoggieZen.com/scavenger. You may also find random businesses that will help you. Please be patient and don't get in the way of their other customers. They've all been very happy to help, and we'd like to keep it that way!

Use plenty of treats one second AFTER the socialization event occurs. Ex. Petting hand reaches out, one-second pause, treats! Help your puppy avoid jumping by kneeling and lightly holding his harness.

For all of these, the Owner gives the cues and treats, though extra treats from our business friends are welcome! If you forget your clicker, just use "Yes" as the marker signal.

Warm up your puppy before you ask for the signature, because your puppy will need time to get used to working in this new environment. Even dogs that perform well at home can flop in public!

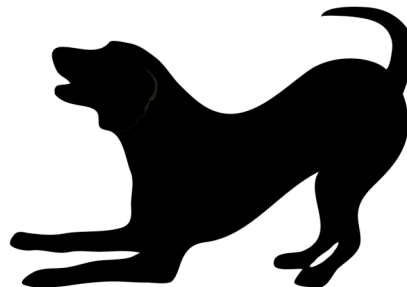
Puppy gets petted, including ears, tail & feet. *If your puppy is shy, modify & do this in baby steps.* Keep the puppy happy!

Humans Shake Hands or High Five as your puppy watches. Don't forget the treat right afterwards!

Person at the business gives the puppy a hug. Immediately give treats after the hug begins! *If your dog is shy, you'll need to work up to this.*

Puppy sits with just a verbal cue, like "Sit" – no lures, hand signals or bending over, unless puppy is deaf or hard of hearing.

Rude Petting – Helper looms over the dog and pat the puppy on the head several times. Feed your puppy a treat just after the looming/patting begins.

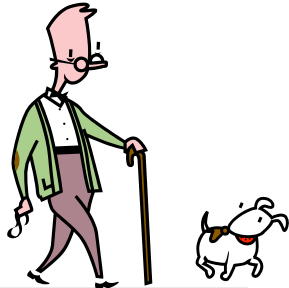


Puppy Socialization & Manners

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Do 7-10 Socialization items (next 2 pages) and 5-6 Manners items (last page) daily.

- Locations**
- variety of staircases
 - another home
 - lake/pond
 - boat
 - in a crate
 - tethered to couch
 - stationary car
 - moving car
 - elevator
 - garage
 - vet (just say hi, get cookies, no vaccs)
 - groomer (just say hi)



- Handling**
- hold under arm (like a football)
 - hold to chest
 - hold on floor between owner's legs
 - hold in lap
 - hold head still
 - wipe cotton ball in ears
 - look in mouth
 - hold toenails
 - pull tail gently
 - squeeze gonads
 - brush teeth
 - hold and take temperature (ask vet)
 - hold like a baby
 - trim toe nails
 - bathe
 - wipe paws with towel
 - towel dry head

- Meet New People**
Outside of family
- children
 - men
 - women
 - elderly adults
 - dancing people
 - different ethnicities
- People in/with:
- odd gait
 - wheelchairs
 - walkers
 - canes
 - crutches
 - beard
 - hat
 - sunglasses
 - winter clothing



- Noises**
- garage door opening
 - doorbell
 - babies screaming
 - big trucks
 - Loud motorcycles
 - washing machine
 - shopping carts rolling
 - power boat
 - applause
 - loud singing
 - pan dropping (quietly at first!)
 - barking dogs
 - vacuum
 - yard equipment

- Moving Objects**
No chasing!
- skateboard
 - rollerblades
 - bicycle
 - cars
 - adult running
 - cat
 - scooter
 - vacuum
 - children running
 - children's sports
 - squirrel running

- Play Objects**
- large ball (soccer)
 - smaller ball (tennis)
 - fuzzy toy
 - hard toy
 - funny sounding toy
 - tug toy
 - gallon plastic jug

Each day, Check off 7-10 Socialization items and 5-6 Manners items (this page).

Name Game

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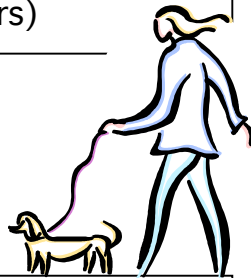
Essentials

Review
housetraining rules
with family

Soft Biting Practice

Jumping
Blitz (family)

Jumping Blitz
(outsiders)



Sit

Offered Sit
 Teach Sit Cue
 Two-fer sits
 Three-fer sits
 Sit no hand signals
 Sit while human sits
on floor
 Sit from a distance

Wait

“Wait” to go
through/across:

Crate door
 Doorway 1
 Doorway 1 with
greeting human on
the other side
 Doorway 2
 Doorway 3
 Doorway 4
 Doorway 5
 Car door
 Street
 Automatic door

Down

Offered Down
 Teach Down Cue
 Two-fer downs
 Down no hand
signals
 Down while human
sits on a chair
 Down while human
holds a box

Recall

Everyday Recall

Cue: _____

Hide and Seek Recall

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Emergency Recall

Cue: _____

Treat Parties:

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Leave It

Food
 Objects
 Other animals



Stay

“Stay” for pictures!

1 second
 2 seconds
 3 seconds
 4 seconds
 5 seconds
 10 seconds
 20 seconds
 30 seconds

Walking on Leash

Click for
Position (inside)
 Click for
Position (outside)
 Speed Training