



The Social Schedule is a comprehensive [socialization](#) list. This list is broken down into categories to ensure your range is extensive. Your puppy should experience a wide variety of people, places, sights, sounds and surfaces. Your efforts help ensure that he is curious, confident and resilient throughout his life. *As always, your puppy decides who and what he wants to meet. Your job is to ensure that he is comfortable and that the world is a fun and safe place to be.*

What To Do If Your Puppy Appears Frightened

(tries to pull away, tucked tail, ears pinned back, wide-eyed, won't take a treat)

- Quickly move far enough away from the 'scary' thing so the puppy doesn't appear frightened.
- If it helps, gently pick him up to walk away, and offer comfort and support.
- Feed, play or pet the pup to help him relax and gain confidence.
- You could try again from a far enough distance (pup is comfortable) or scrap it and try another time.

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| <p>People</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Adults <input type="checkbox"/> Babies <input type="checkbox"/> Toddlers <input type="checkbox"/> Children <input type="checkbox"/> Teenagers <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors <input type="checkbox"/> All genders <input type="checkbox"/> Different ethnicities <p>Animals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly, healthy dogs <input type="checkbox"/> Puppies <input type="checkbox"/> Small pets (hamsters) <input type="checkbox"/> Large birds (geese) <input type="checkbox"/> Cats <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock (goats) <p>People with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wearing PPE* <input type="checkbox"/> Canes <input type="checkbox"/> Crutches <input type="checkbox"/> Legs in cast <input type="checkbox"/> Metal frame walkers <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchairs <input type="checkbox"/> Guide dogs <input type="checkbox"/> Baby carriages <input type="checkbox"/> Baby carriers <input type="checkbox"/> Back packs <input type="checkbox"/> Luggage <input type="checkbox"/> Wagons | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping carts <input type="checkbox"/> Limps or odd gaits <input type="checkbox"/> Erratic body moves <p>Different Environments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Car rides <input type="checkbox"/> Socialization class <input type="checkbox"/> Vet clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Boarding kennel <input type="checkbox"/> Groomers <input type="checkbox"/> The bank <input type="checkbox"/> Video store <input type="checkbox"/> Gas station <input type="checkbox"/> Toll booth <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping mall <input type="checkbox"/> Friend's homes <input type="checkbox"/> Public transit <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor café <input type="checkbox"/> Country versus city <input type="checkbox"/> Elevators/escalators <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic doors <p>People in Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Police <input type="checkbox"/> Firefighters <input type="checkbox"/> Postal workers <input type="checkbox"/> Vet clinic staff* <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulance attendants <input type="checkbox"/> Crossing guards <input type="checkbox"/> Meter readers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone worker <input type="checkbox"/> Couriers <p>People Wearing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Raincoats <input type="checkbox"/> Umbrellas <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses <input type="checkbox"/> Hats <input type="checkbox"/> Beards <input type="checkbox"/> Helmets <input type="checkbox"/> Costumes <input type="checkbox"/> Punk hairdos <input type="checkbox"/> Shaved heads <p>Athletic Folk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Joggers <input type="checkbox"/> Skate boarders <input type="checkbox"/> Cyclists <input type="checkbox"/> Roller bladers <input type="checkbox"/> Cross country skiers <input type="checkbox"/> Toboggans and sleds <input type="checkbox"/> Snow boarders <input type="checkbox"/> Surfers <input type="checkbox"/> Wind surfers <input type="checkbox"/> Speed walkers <input type="checkbox"/> Spectator at 10k run <input type="checkbox"/> Kayakers/canoeing <input type="checkbox"/> Hang gliders <input type="checkbox"/> People swimming <input type="checkbox"/> Water skiing <input type="checkbox"/> Hackysack | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Martial arts <input type="checkbox"/> Bike couriers <p>Motor Vehicles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycles <input type="checkbox"/> Skidoos <input type="checkbox"/> Seadoos <input type="checkbox"/> Trucks backing up <input type="checkbox"/> Screeching brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Cars backfiring <input type="checkbox"/> Airplanes <input type="checkbox"/> Helicopters <input type="checkbox"/> Drones <input type="checkbox"/> Street cleaners <input type="checkbox"/> Snow plows <input type="checkbox"/> Garbage trucks <p>Construction Sites & Gardeners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Jackhammers <input type="checkbox"/> Cranes <input type="checkbox"/> Front-end loaders <input type="checkbox"/> Bulldozers <input type="checkbox"/> Sledgehammers <input type="checkbox"/> Power tools <input type="checkbox"/> Fork lifts <input type="checkbox"/> Carrying shovels <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelbarrows <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn mowers <input type="checkbox"/> Ride on mowers <input type="checkbox"/> Leaf blowers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Weed whippers <input type="checkbox"/> Electric hedge shears <input type="checkbox"/> Sweeping with broom <input type="checkbox"/> Garden hose <input type="checkbox"/> Sprinkler system <p>Home Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Phone ringing <input type="checkbox"/> Doorbell <input type="checkbox"/> Loud TV <input type="checkbox"/> Loud music <input type="checkbox"/> Hair dryer <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum cleaner <input type="checkbox"/> Kettle <input type="checkbox"/> Dish washer <input type="checkbox"/> Washer/dryer <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical appliances <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic staff <input type="checkbox"/> Home office <input type="checkbox"/> Sweeping/mopping <input type="checkbox"/> Guests <input type="checkbox"/> Repair people <input type="checkbox"/> Delivery people <p>Different Surfaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Stairs (up and down) <input type="checkbox"/> Sand <input type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> Ceramic tiles <input type="checkbox"/> Carpet <input type="checkbox"/> Slippery surfaces |
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* put a high priority on people wearing Personal Protective Equipment so that your dog is not fearful of vet clinic staff or the groomer.



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| Different Surfaces Cont... | Different Environments | Environmental Hazards & Noise Pollution | Outdoor Events | Strange Sights & Smells |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watery or wet | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet supply store | <input type="checkbox"/> Sirens | <input type="checkbox"/> Parade | <input type="checkbox"/> Drunk people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grass | <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown | <input type="checkbox"/> Thunder & lightning | <input type="checkbox"/> Hot air balloon | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice cream truck |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gravel | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat rides | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow blowers | <input type="checkbox"/> People singing | <input type="checkbox"/> Strong perfume |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cement | <input type="checkbox"/> School grounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow blowers | <input type="checkbox"/> Live music band | <input type="checkbox"/> Strong cooking smells |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swinging bridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Petting zoo | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow | <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers market | <input type="checkbox"/> UFO's and Aliens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wooden dock | <input type="checkbox"/> Walk after dark | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain | <input type="checkbox"/> Beach party/bonfires | <input type="checkbox"/> Hammocks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tarmac (not hot days) | <input type="checkbox"/> A tunnel | <input type="checkbox"/> Wind | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Claus | <input type="checkbox"/> Swings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Astroturf | <input type="checkbox"/> A bridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Airport | <input type="checkbox"/> Rodeo | <input type="checkbox"/> Scooters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mud | <input type="checkbox"/> Busy intersection | <input type="checkbox"/> Loud speakers | <input type="checkbox"/> Fairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Tricycles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice | <input type="checkbox"/> Outside day care | <input type="checkbox"/> Building demolition | <input type="checkbox"/> Sporting events | <input type="checkbox"/> Hula hoop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm surface | <input type="checkbox"/> Active railway | <input type="checkbox"/> People yelling | <input type="checkbox"/> Clowns | <input type="checkbox"/> Kites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cold surface | <input type="checkbox"/> Crowd of people** | <input type="checkbox"/> Loud speakers | <input type="checkbox"/> Mimes | <input type="checkbox"/> Model airplanes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Drive-thru | | <input type="checkbox"/> People dancing | <input type="checkbox"/> Remote control toys |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Drive-in-movie | | <input type="checkbox"/> Rush hour | <input type="checkbox"/> Low flying airplanes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Sporting facilities | | <input type="checkbox"/> A rally/protest | <input type="checkbox"/> Skipping rope |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> The beach | | <input type="checkbox"/> Street vendors | <input type="checkbox"/> Flags/banners |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking trails | | <input type="checkbox"/> Anything Else | <input type="checkbox"/> Your Weird Uncle |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> The office | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Anything Else | | | |

Special Considerations

Crowds

**Puppies should never have to walk through crowds. If you are taking your pup to an outside event with lots of people, please use common sense and bring water, provide shade, and carry the puppy. Many outdoor activities with crowds are not puppy friendly.

After Dark
Don't forget to work on socialization during the night time too! Just like us, the night time can appear different to a puppy.

NOTES

Record any additional unique socialization opportunities as well as anything your puppy appears uncomfortable about.

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