

Let's play a game! After allowing puppy to settle and get comfortable in their new home you want to start socializing. We have created a guide to give you ideas on something different to do each day. Your goal should be to check off each of these boxes by the time puppy is 16 weeks old. We know puppy won't be fully vaccinated, so you can hold your puppy for these activities or, a doggy stroller can be so helpful!

PEOPLE:

ADULTS

- Young
- Middle-aged
- Elderly
- Disabled
- Loud/Confident
- Shy/Timid
- Delivery
- Joggers
- Uniformed
- Hats
- Glasses/Sunglasses
- Motorcycle Helmets
- Umbrellas
- Raincoats/Capes
- Pipes, Canes, Crutches, Walkers
- Different Ethnicities

CHILDREN

- Babies
- Toddlers
- Preteen
- Teenagers
- Children with Disabilities

TIP
Keep puppy toy close to avoid puppy bites

ANIMALS:

- Well Tempered Adult Dog
- Puppies
- Cats
- Small Pets
- Birds/Fowl
- Livestock
- Horses

SOUNDS:

YOUTUBE, ALEXA/TV

- Screaming/Shouting
- Crying Baby
- Fireworks/Gunshots
- Clapping
- Busy Street
- Sirens
- Echos
- Loud TV
- Thunder

Keep activities brief, fun and reinforce with treats!

AT HOME SOUNDS

- Vacuum
- Ice Maker
- Blender
- Clapping
- Blow Dryer
- Garage Door
- Gardening tools (start far away)
- Laundry Washer/Dryer
- Moving and Loud Decor

HANDLING:

- Touch Ears
- Cover Eyes
- Touch Paws - In between Toes
- Hold Paw While Pup Standing
- Tug Tail
- Pet Incorrect Way
- Rub Belly
- Touch Nose
- Pat Back
- Open Mouth
- Tug Collar
- Touch/Brush Teeth
- Trim Nails

PLACES:

SHORT VISITS (TREATS!)

- Friend's House
- Store
- Groomer (Petco Puppy Tour)
- Kids Park (observe)
- Park (approach people for pets)
- School
- Outside a School
- Outdoor Cafe
- Slippery, Uneven, Bumpy Surfaces
- Social Gathering
- Vet's Office (take treats)
- Tile, Carpet, Wood Floors
- Puppy Obedience Class**
- Neighborhood Walk
- Elevators
- Bridges
- Decks
- Gates

VEHICLES:

- Car
- Pickup/Semi Trucks/Bus
- Construction Vehicles
- Garbage Truck
- Motorcycle/4-Wheeler
- Bicycle
- Stroller
- Wheelchair
- Airplane
- Train

SAFETY REMINDER

Puppy cannot touch areas heavily trafficked by other dogs until fully vaccinated. Sidewalk and streets are okay minimally, no grass, or dirt. Puppy strollers are a life saver!