



PUPPY SOCIALIZATION



GENTLE HANDLING:

- Head
- Mouth
- Ears
- Neck
- Tail
- Paws & legs
- Soft brushing
- Collar
- Leash/gentle leader
- Car harness
- Gentle restraint



OBJECTS:

To play with:

- Cardboard box
- Bucket
- Treat ball
- Large stuffed toy
- Empty plastic bottle
- Squeaky toy



To chew:

- Strong toys (Kongs)
- Hard biscuits

EXPERIENCES:

- Watching passing traffic
- Riding in car/truck
- Going to park
- Walking in town
- Countryside
- Weather - rain/snow
- Pet store
- Beach/water
- Office space
- Boat ride
- Being alone (short periods)
- Puppy classes

PEOPLE

- Adults
- Youth/teenagers
- Children
- Babies
- Elderly
- Differently abled
- Of all genders
- Of different ethnicities
- In hats/helmets
- In uniforms
- With beards/facial hair
- In sunglasses
- Using canes/crutches
- Runners, hikers
- Cyclists
- Loud, confident people
- Shy, timid people
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SMELLS:

- Kitchen/household
- Baby
- Other animals
- Veterinary clinics
- Perfume/cologne/scents

SOUNDS:

- Wind/rain/etc.
- Thunder & lightening
- Sirens
- Construction
- Traffic
- Loud people/shouting
- Music
- Large/noisy vehicles

SURFACES:

- Clean grass
- Linoleum/tiles
- Hardwood/laminate
- Steps/stairs
- Carpet
- Sand
- Gravel/stones/pebbles

AROUND THE HOME:

- Doorbells/knocking
- Phone ringing
- Alarms
- Vacuuming
- Sweeping/mopping
- Appliances
- Guests/Visitors
- Delivery/Repair people
- Hair dryer
- Loud TV/Stereo



OTHER ANIMALS:

- Friendly healthy dogs
- Cats
- Rabbits
- Birds
- Horses
- Farm animals



Introducing your puppy to a wide variety of things can help them become curious, confident and resilient throughout their life. Try to help your puppy feel comfortable and safe!