



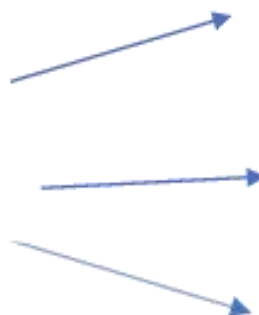
## SOCIALISATION TICK SHEET

### Puppy Socialisation (9-16 weeks)

This is a key time as your puppy is most responsive to new things and needs to experience a wide variety of situations, people, noises and environments so that they develop all- important social skills for later life. Socialisation must always be positive and never scare or stress the puppy or it could have an adverse effect on your dog's learning and trigger future fears and phobias.

**Overleaf is a checklist for you to work through with your puppy, of course this list does not include everything so use your judgement and try to introduce your puppy to as many new experiences, sights and sounds as possible. Make sure they are all positive experiences ideally before 17 weeks old. Whilst more is better, overwhelming your pup is not! If your puppy is older than 17 weeks, all is not lost, just progress with the list gently, making sure you reassure your puppy at every step.**

Always maintain control and allow your puppy to choose his place during interaction. Watch his body language carefully for stress and calming signals. Use treats, reassurance and let your puppy stop and look and weigh up each new situation: If you are anxious your puppy will pick up on this. You should act as though it is no big deal.



Tick when you have completed each activity. You may have to visit several times before your puppy is confident with each situation.

Surfaces	Tick	Places and people	Tick
Grass		Groomer	
Slippery floors		Crowds	
Water		Busy traffic	
Concrete		Places with loud noises	
Carpet		Open spaces	
Sand		Veterinarian	
<b>Vehicles</b>		Toddlers	
Cars		Babies	
Buses		Children	
Motorcycles		Older people	
Trucks		Men & Women	
Trains		Joggers	
Trams		Cyclists	
Cycles		Toddlers	
Motorbikes		Babies	
Skates & Skateboards		Children	
Prams Pushchairs		People in uniform	
Cyclists (In helmets)		Men, Women in face masks, wigs, fancy dress etc	
<b>Animals</b>		Joggers	
Cats		Postal Workers & Refuse Collectors	
Dogs		<b>Machines</b>	
Puppies		Washing machine	
Rabbits and guinea pigs		Lawn mower	
Live stock		Vaccum cleaner	
Horses		Telephone	
		Microwave	

\*Note: The veterinarian shouldn't only be visited when the puppy is sick or vaccinated. Pop in for a treat and a weigh in session and the dog will grow up with a better, healthier experience from the vet.