



Socialize your puppy before 4 months of age!

Puppies explore to determine what is safe or dangerous during this fast growth period. Unfamiliar things will be considered dangerous later and fear biting can develop. So start your puppy off right to avoid problems.

People

- Adults
- Babies
- Toddlers
- Children
- Teenagers
- Seniors
- Both genders
- Different ethnicities

What People Wear

- Raincoats
- Umbrellas
- Sunglasses
- Hats
- Beards
- Helmets
- Costumes
- Punk hairdos
- Shaved heads

People in Uniform

- Police
- Firefighters
- Postal workers
- Vet clinic staff
- Ambulance attendants
- Crossing guards
- Meter readers
- Telephone worker
- Couriers

People with

- Canes
- Crutches
- Legs I cast
- Metal frame walkers
- Wheelchairs
- Baby carriages
- Baby carriers
- Back packs
- Luggage
- Wagons
- Shopping carts
- Limps or odd gaits
- Erratic body moves

How People Move

- Joggers

- Skate boarders
- Cyclists
- Roller bladders
- Speed walkers
- Spectator at 10k run
- People swimming
- Martial arts

Strange Sights & Smells

- Drunk people
- Ice cream truck
- Strong perfume
- Strong cooking smells
- Hammocks
- Swings
- Scooters
- Tricycles
- Hula hoop
- Kites
- Model airplanes
- Remote control toys
- Low flying airplanes
- Skipping rope
- Flags/banners

Different Environments

- Socialization class
- Car rides
- Vet clinic
- Boarding kennel
- Groomers
- The bank
- Gas station
- Ride through car wash
- Toll booth
- Shopping mall
- Friend's homes
- Public transit
- Outdoor café
- Country versus city
- Elevators/escalators
- Automatic doors
- Pet supply store
- Downtown
- Boat rides
- School grounds
- Petting zoo
- Walk after dark
- A tunnel
- A bridge
- Busy intersection
- Day care
- Active railway

- Crowd of people
- Drive-thru
- Sporting facilities
- The beach
- Hiking trails
- The office

Home Environment

- Phone ringing
- Doorbell
- Loud TV
- Loud music
- Hair dryer
- Vacuum cleaner
- Kettle
- Dish washer
- Washer/dryer
- Electrical appliances
- Dog in bath/shower
- Snapping garbage bags
- Home office
- Sweeping/mopping
- Guests
- Repair people
- Delivery people

Different Surfaces

- Stairs (up & down)
- Sand
- Wood
- Ceramic tiles
- Carpet
- Slippery surfaces
- Manholes and grates
- Watery or wet
- Grass
- Gravel
- Cement
- Swinging bridge
- Wooden dock
- Tarmac (not hot days)
- Astroturf
- Mud
- Ice

Environmental Hazards & Noise Pollution

- Sirens
- Thunder & lightning
- Fireworks
- Rain
- Wind
- Airport
- Loud speakers
- Building demolition

- People yelling
- Loud speakers

Outdoor Events

- Parade
- Hot air balloon
- People singing
- Live music band
- Farmers market
- Beach/party/bonfires
- Santa Claus
- Fairs
- Sporting events
- Clowns
- Mimes
- People dancing
- Rush hour
- A rally/protest
- Street vendors

Construction Sites & Gardeners

- Jackhammers
- Cranes
- Front-end loaders
- Bulldozers
- Sledgehammers
- Power tools
- Fork lifts
- Carrying shovels
- Wheelbarrows
- Lawn mowers
- Ride on mowers
- Leaf blowers
- Weed whippers
- Electric hedge shears
- Sweeping with broom
- Garden hose
- Sprinkler system