



Traveling
Gypsy Corgis



Puppy Socialization and Early Development



Puppy Socialisation Tick Sheet

An important socialisation period begins around the time your puppy leaves the litter and becomes part of your family. Socialisation is vital. It must always be positive and never scare or stress the puppy or it could have an adverse effect on the dog's learning.

The following table is a tick list of positive experiences your puppy should have, before he reaches 17 weeks old. Whilst more is better, overwhelm is not so always maintain control and allow your puppy to choose his place during interaction. Watch his body language carefully for stress and calming signals.

☐ Grass☐ Slippery floors☐ Water☐ Concrete☐ Carpet☐ Sand☐ Groomer☐ Noise☐ Open Spaces☐ Crowds☐ High Traffic Areas☐ *The Veterinarian

***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.



Cars



Trucks



Buses



Trains



Motorcycles



Trams



Babies



Toddlers



Children



Adults



Older people



Postal Workers



Men



Women



Joggers



Cyclists



Motorbikes



Skates & Skateboards



Prams



Hats



Beards



Overalls



Florescent Clothing



Umbrellas



Glasses



Long Coats



Walking Sticks



Sounds can be introduced via a recording on a regular basis.



☐ Fireworks

☐ Thunder

☐ Machinery

☐ Shouting people

☐ Gunfire

☐ Household Sounds

☐ Hoover

☐ Washing Machines

☐ Car sounds (*inclusive of car doors closing etc*)

☐ Doorbells

☐ Door Knocks



Friendly balanced dogs of all ages

☐ Large Dogs

☐ Medium Dogs

☐ Small Dogs

☐ Hairy Dogs



A variation of breeds and appearances.

When socialising with dogs ensure that you are pre-prepared and understand the nature of the other dog. Puppies learn a lot from other dogs and can become permanently affected by even the mildest unsocial dog threat or attack. Try to avoid forcing your puppy into unplanned social situations with strange dogs.



☐ Cats

☐ Horses

☐ Sheep

☐ Ducks

☐ Cattle

☐ Small Furry Animals

☐ Hens

☐ Rodents

Any animal your dog is likely to regularly encounter

Whilst this list is comprehensive it is not exhaustive. The dog that is introduced carefully to all the above will be less likely to get stressed as he hits adolescence and beyond. Even if these things are never expected to enter the dog's life regularly, a good basis of positive experiences will create a confident and happy older dog.

