



Puppy Socialization and Exposure Checklist

People

	Babies crying
	Children of different ages
	Gender non-conforming people
	Kids playing
	Masks that cover the face and masks that cover the entire head
	People dancing
	People doing activities such as tai chi, yoga, and fencing
	People hugging your dog
	People in costumes
	People in uniforms and heavy shoes
	People living on the street
	People of different races
	People running
	People throwing balls
	People using mobility aids like canes, crutches, and wheelchairs
	People wearing beards
	People wearing hats
	People wearing odd clothing (coats, gloves, hats, helmets, boots, rain jackets, flowy dresses, etc.)
	People wearing sunglasses
	People with disabilities, especially developmental and physical disabilities
	Strangers coming to the door
	Strangers touching the dog without warning

	You hugging other people
	You kissing other people
	First responders (with sirens, uniforms, breathing apparatus, etc.)

Places

	Beach
	Bouncy houses or inflatable displays
	Car washes
	Construction sites
	Dog shows
	Downtown or city areas
	Elevators
	Escalators
	Farms
	Fountains
	Hardware stores
	Live music venues (ensure the dog's ears are protected if loud)
	Moving walkways
	Outdoor cafes
	Parking lots
	Parties
	Pet stores
	Pet-friendly hotels
	School
	Shopping areas (strip malls, outdoor malls)
	Sidewalks with traffic nearby
	Sporting events
	Stairs (different types)
	Veterinarian's offices
	Woods
	Yardwork areas

Surfaces

	Air mattresses
	Aluminum foil
	Bubble wrap
	Cardboard
	Carpet
	Cookie sheets
	Crumpled newspaper
	Grates
	Gravel
	Linoleum
	Mulch
	Parchment paper
	Rocks
	Sand
	Styrofoam
	Tile
	Towels
	Wet grass
	Wet surfaces
	Wood decking and bridges
	Wood flooring
	Yoga mats

Things

	Animal noises
	Backpacks
	Banging on pots and pans
	Balloons
	Bicycles
	Blow dryers
	Brooms
	Buses

Doorbells
Dog clothing (coat, sweater, vest, t-shirt, bandana, rain gear, boots, etc.)
Fireworks
Flappy/twirly decorations
Hoverboards
Kites
Ladders
Laser and strobe lights
Mirrors
Motorcycles
Rolling garbage cans
Scented personal hygiene products
Scooters
Segways
Shopping carts
Skateboards
Smoke
Sudden noises
Things with sirens (ambulances, fire trucks, police cars, etc.)
Trains or streetcars
Umbrellas
Vacuums
Vending machines
Wagons

Additional items

People practicing sports (e.g., soccer, basketball)
Zoos or wildlife parks
Playgrounds
Airport terminals
Taxi or ride-sharing vehicles
Food markets
Hiking trails

	Public transport stations (bus, train, etc.)
	Water bodies (ponds, lakes, streams)
	Bird or insect sounds (e.g., crows, cicadas)
	Different terrains (muddy, icy)
	Cattle and livestock
	Horses and equestrian activities
	Musical instruments (e.g., piano, trumpet)
	Children's toys (squeaky toys, remote-controlled cars)
	Automatic doors
	Public restrooms

Notes
