Canine Socialization

 Your puppy should be exposed to many different people, places, and things before the age of 16 weeks for proper socialization. Each experience may be frightening, so make sure it is a POSITIVE one and reinforce with plenty of treats and praise. We recommend introducing your new puppy to each of these things 4 times to avoid anxiety and lack of confidence in your future endeavors, so you can both enjoy new experiences.

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| Plant outlineTextures/Objects* Grass/Wet grass
* Dirt/Sand
* Metal grates
* Pebbles/Gravel
* Vacuum/Cleaning items
* Blow-dryer
 | Group outlinePeople/Pets* Various Ethnicities
* Hats/Hoods
* Elderly
* Children/Babies
* Dogs
* Cats
* Birds
 | Store outlineLocations* Vehicles
* Vet Office
* Groomer
* Pet Store
* Elevators
* Park
* Separation from owner
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| Hand outlineHandling* Ears
* Eyes
* Paws/Nails
* Wiping face
* Examine teeth
 | Fireworks outlineNoise* Fireworks
* Thunder
* Babies crying
* Animals on T.V.
* Loud Music
 | Tricycle outlineMovement* Bikes
* Various vehicles
* Joggers
* Skateboards
* Children running
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For more detailed information, tips, and resources go to: ultimatepuppy.com/socialization/ or zoetispetcare.com/blog/article/dog-socialization.