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 outline  Textures/Objects   * Grass/Wet grass * Dirt/Sand * Metal grates * Pebbles/Gravel * Vacuum/Cleaning items * Blow-dryer | Group outline  People/Pets   * Various Ethnicities * Hats/Hoods * Elderly * Children/Babies * Dogs * Cats * Birds | Store outline  Locations   * Vehicles * Vet Office * Groomer * Pet Store * Elevators * Park * Separation from owner |
| Hand outline  Handling   * Ears * Eyes * Paws/Nails * Wiping face * Examine teeth | Fireworks outline  Noise   * Fireworks * Thunder * Babies crying * Animals on T.V. * Loud Music | Tricycle outline  Movement   * Bikes * Various vehicles * Joggers * Skateboards * Children running |

For more detailed information, tips, and resources go to: ultimatepuppy.com/socialization/ or zoetispetcare.com/blog/article/dog-socialization.