

Get your puppy's Tail Wagging!

Particularly in the first four months of your puppy's life it is critical that your puppy has fun in as many new situations as possible and a good owner will continue this training throughout their dogs life. The more things that your puppy experiences as pleasant at an early age will help it learn that the world is a friendly and wonderful place and help it to accept new situations later in life. Socialisation is all about learning to be relaxed, comfortable and calm with lots of different people, animals, sounds, objects, visual stimuli, surfaces and situations. Bad experiences and frights can be remembered throughout life so to achieve a pleasant association with a new experience it's critical to introduce each new experience initially at a distance or a degree not to cause your puppy any concern. Once you have found the distance your puppy is relaxed enough to pay attention to you then play, chat, feed or massage to keep their attention and get their tail wagging. Just to be sure you can take a couple of days or visits to try to get any closer.

Play it Safe and give them Space!

And remember it's not how close you get – but how relaxed the puppy is

So aim to find a new experience each day and get your puppy's tail wagging!

Experience	Experience	Experience	ALL Surfaces
Umbrellas	Training in the back of car	Lots of Sounds –	
	Groomed for ten minutes		Slippery
Big Hats	Brushed	Dogs barking,	Carpet
Walking with a limp or stick	Handled	Garbage Truck	
Big coats	Strange places	Kids playing,	Wobbly
Shopping centres	Open areas	Babies crying	Puddles
Sunglasses/eyeglasses	Enclosed areas	Sirens	Mud
Bicycles	Busy areas	Pots clanging,	Sand
Dogs		Door bells	Sloped
		Phone	Rough
Children (different ages)	Left alone for a second	Kettles	Laundry tub
Men with beards	Quiet areas	Skate boards	Vets tinny table
		Household noises	Pebble
Disabled People		Lawn mower	
Modelling for photos		Chain Saw	
Being Weighed		Victor Vac	
A variety of individual people		Thunderstorm tapes	
Groups of people		Planes and trains	
Shopping trolleys			
Wheel chair		DVD's and Videos	
Car ride in crate		TV	
Vet surgery			
Dog Club			
Friends homes		Bicycles	
Cars/Trucks/motor bikes		Variety of food	
Dogs of all shapes and sizes			
Football/cricket games		Nails clipped or dremelled	
Cats		Teeth examined	
Horses/cattle/sheep/poultry/cats			
Trains/buses			
Wheelie bins			
Wheel Barrow			
Lawn Mower			
Vacuum Cleaner			
Hair Dryer			
Joggers			
Postmen			
Brooms			
Objects to Play with – Toys et			

Objects to Chew - Kong toys			
Railway station			
Beach			
Wharf			
Walk on the waterfront			
Doggy door			
Brown paper treat bag busting			
Tasting a variety of food			
Cardboard box			
Bucket			
Empty coke tin			
Empty plastic bottle			