



Puppy Socialisation Plan

THE BASICS – WEEK 1

Follow the tables below with your new puppy/ new dog – The highlighted boxes show you which socialisation exercise to do each day in the first week.

Keep each exercise very short, do each exercise with your puppy by gently encouraging them. Never force a puppy to do anything, never shout or tell off if your puppy is not doing an exercise. These charts are only a guide, some puppies may need to do less on each day and some may advance quickly and you can add more.

<i>Gentle Handling</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Sun</i>
<i>Head and Ears</i>							
<i>Paws and Legs</i>							
<i>Groom with a soft brush</i>							
<i>Put a collar on</i>							
<i>Put the car harness on</i>							
<i>Put lead on</i>							
<i>Mouth area</i>							

<i>Objects to play with</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Sun</i>
<i>Cardboard box</i>							
<i>Treat ball</i>							
<i>Large stuffed toy</i>							
<i>Empty plastic bottle</i>							
<i>Squeaky toy</i>							
<i>Hide under a blanket with you</i>							
<i>Hard biscuit</i>							



<i>Smells</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Sun</i>
<i>Kitchen/Household</i>							
<i>Cats</i>							
<i>Other pets you have</i>							
<i>Vets</i>							
<i>People – see below</i>							
<i>Each room puppy will use</i>							
<i>Boot of car/ or back seat</i>							



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<i>People</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Sun</i>
<i>Held by you</i>							
<i>Held by another adult in family</i>							
<i>Sit on lap of child in family</i>							
<i>Sit on lap of different child in family / close friend</i>							
<i>Held by people who will come into contact with puppy</i>							
<i>Held by vet</i>							
<i>Add people who puppy will see – postman / regular visitors</i>							
<i>Add person</i>							
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Try and introduce your puppy to the above people, tick when you have completed one of the 'people meetings'. If your puppy is confident when you are close, you can stay near when someone else is holding/stroking the puppy. As your puppy becomes more confident being held by others you can move away.

Make sure that people are holding in the correct way so as not to hurt the puppy.

If the puppy does not like being held, start by getting others to stroke the puppy and maybe play a little game – when the puppy is confident doing this then they can start holding the puppy. In the first weeks, keep these introductions short; do not have too many people crowd round the puppy as this can be very scary for them.