



Maplewood Dog Training

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Puppy Smart Start Socialization Log

Dog's Name: _____ **Start Date:** _____ **Start Age:** _____

Socialization is the routine, planned exposure of your puppy to the sights, sounds, and environments of the greater world. A well socialized puppy grows up into a mentally stable adult dog who can handle, with little stress, any situation that life throws at him.

As part of your Maplewood Dog Training Puppy Smart Start class, you are asked to keep a written Socialization Log and make a pointed effort to expose your puppy to at least **5 new people, sounds, surfaces, places, or puppy-friendly animals every week**. For each new socialization experience you expose your dog to, document it in this log and bring your log with you each week to class.

When exposing your dog to new situations, be sure to bring high value treats, and create a supportive atmosphere. If your puppy seems unsure of a new situation, or person, confidently encourage him to explore the situation. Encourage him with an up-beat, positive voice and some treats. If he is worried or afraid, confidently comfort him. Don't coddle him, and don't force him to do something that he is uncomfortable with. Instead ask him to focus on you and do some 'sit,' 'down,' or other behaviors to get his mind off of what he is nervous about. Once he is refocused on you, encourage him to check out the situation once again.

Week 1: 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ Comments: _____

Week 2: 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ Comments: _____

Week 3: 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ Comments: _____

Week 4: 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ Comments: _____

Week 5: 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ Comments: _____

Week 6: 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ Comments: _____

Week 7: 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ Comments: _____

Week 8: 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ Comments: _____