CHASE CANINES
Dog Walking & Training

GROWING CONFIDENT: THE CHASE CANINES PUPPY SOCIALISATION CHECKLIST

FIRST STEPS TO CONFIDENCE

At Chase Canines, we believe every puppy deserves a confident, happy start in life. This Puppy Socialisation Checklist is here to help you make socialisation kind, practical, and fun, just like our puppy training classes. Think of these early weeks as your puppy's "super sponge" phase. With little steps, lots of encouragement, and a playful spirit, you'll set your pup up for a lifetime of wagging tails and worry-free walks.

Puppy Trainer Tip: The best results come from frequent, fun practice. Give your puppy time to explore and learn at their own pace.

FRIENDS OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES

- [ ] Men and women
- [ ] Children of different ages (toddlers, teenagers, school kids)
- [ ] People with hats, glasses, umbrellas, or hi-vis jackets
- [ ] Joggers, cyclists, and dog walkers
- [ ] People talking, laughing, clapping, or moving quickly

LEARNING TO LOVE NEW SOUNDS

- [ ] Doorbell and knocking
- [ ] Vacuum cleaner and hair dryer
- [ ] Busy traffic and car horns
- [ ] Banging doors or dropping objects
- [ ] Music, cheering, or applause
- [ ] Fireworks or sirens (start with recordings on low volume)

THINGS TO CLIMB, CROSS, AND DISCOVER

- [ ] Stairs, ramps, and bridges
- [ ] Slippery floors (tile, laminate)
- [ ] Grass, gravel, sand, and mud
- [ ] Wheelchairs, pushchairs, or trolleys
- [ ] Balloons, umbrellas, or shopping bags

MEETING OTHER CREATURES SAFELY

- [ ] Friendly, calm adult dogs
- [ ] Puppies of a similar age
- [ ] Cats (at a safe distance)
- [ ] Horses, livestock, or small animals (safe introductions only)

EXPLORING THE BIG WIDE WORLD

- [ ] Vet practice (for happy "hello" visits)
- [ ] Park or green space
- [ ] Pavement by a busy road
- [ ] Café or pub garden (quiet times first)
- [ ] School gates or playgrounds
- [ ] Short car journeys

GETTING USED TO BEING HANDLED

- [ ] Touch paws, ears, and tail gently
- [ ] Brush or wipe with a towel
- [ ] Open mouth briefly to check teeth
- [ ] Pick up gently (if appropriate for size)
- [ ] Put on collar and harness
- [ ] Practice being left alone for a few minutes

TOYS, GAMES, AND PUPPY FRIENDS

- [ ] Tug toy
- [ ] Puzzle feeder or snuffle mat
- [ ] Fetch or hide-and-seek
- [ ] Gentle play with safe puppy pals

FROM CHECKLIST TO CONFIDENCE

You've given your pup a brilliant start with this Puppy Socialisation Checklist. Now keep the confidence growing with our local puppy training classes near you. At Chase Canines, socialisation meets fun games, new friends, and expert guidance. Join us in Cannock and surrounding areas, and let's build good manners and happy memories together.

BOOK YOUR PUPPY TRAINING CLASSES

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