



MY SHEPHERD BFF

GSD PUPPY SOCIALISATION CHECKLIST

One crucial aspect of raising a well-rounded German shepherd is socialization. It is during the early stages of their lives that puppies develop the foundations for their behavior, temperament, and overall outlook on the world.

Socialization plays a vital role in shaping their confidence, adaptability, and ability to interact with people, animals, and various environments.

To help you in this essential process, we have curated a comprehensive list of everyday items that can aid in the socialization journey of your German shepherd puppy.

These items are carefully selected to expose your furry friend to different sights, sounds, textures, and experiences, allowing them to develop into a confident and well-adjusted adult.

We encourage you to incorporate these items into your German shepherd's daily routine, introducing them gradually and with patience.

Each interaction with these items provides an opportunity for your puppy to build positive associations, overcome fears, and develop resilience. Remember, consistency and positive reinforcement are key to successful socialization.

Whether it's exposing your German shepherd to various surfaces, introducing them to new sounds or textures, or engaging them in different activities, this list aims to be a valuable resource on your journey towards a strong bond and a well-socialized German shepherd.

Please keep in mind that every dog is unique, and while this list serves as a helpful guide, it's essential to tailor the socialization process to your German shepherd's individual needs and comfort level.

Best wishes on your shared adventures.

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WEIRD THINGS

- Big plastic objects
- Plastic bags
- Balloons
- Umbrellas
- Mirrors
- Big balls
- Thrown things
- Shopping trolleys
- Prams
- Fast movement
- Kids toys
- Wind socks
- Brooms
- Vacuum cleaner
- The wind
- The wind blowing
- bushes/trees
- Flags
- Balls and frisbees
- Tents
- Flashlights



TRAVELING

- Escalators
- Lifts
- The car
- Planes

DIFFERENT TYPES OF PEOPLE

- Men
- Women
- Boys
- Girls
- Shuffling people
- Slouched people
- People with glasses
- People on crutches
- People with walking sticks
- People with walking frames
- People walking strangely
- Babies
- Parties
- People on roller blades
- Wheelchairs
- Fat people
- Thin people
- Tall people
- Short people
- People in dress ups (masks, costumes, big hats, etc)
- People in big coats
- People with beards
- People with sunglasses
- People of all races
- Bald people
- People exercising (running, jogging, star jumps, etc)
- Children and babies
- Dancing people



OTHER ANIMALS

- Puppy school
- Big dog
- Little dog
- Shaggy dog
- Smooth dog
- Goats
- Cows
- Sheep
- Alpacas
- Chickens
- Horses
- Cats
- Bull breed dogs
- Rabbits
- Birds



WATER STUFF

- Sprinklers
- Hoses
- Being wet by the hose
- Water
- The beach
- The bath
- Swimming pools
- People swimming
- Water feature
- Rain



PLACES

- Airport
- Skate park
- Bus depot
- Train station
- Shopping malls
- Loud fun places (e.g. Luna Park, show, fair)
- Football game
- Supermarket
- School
- Coffee shop
- Building site
- Bunnings
- Wreckers yard
- The gym
- Tennis game
- Office
- Speed way
- Place with crowds
- Main roads



DIFFERENT SURFACES

- Bean bags
- Tiles
- Floorboards
- Bubble wrap
- Different walking surfaces
- Wobbly bridges
- Heights
- Agility Equipment
- Gravel



MOVING THINGS THAT MAKE NOISE

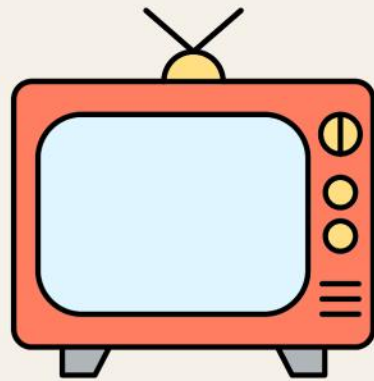
- Lawn mower
- Bikes
- Vacuum cleaner
- Skate boards
- Scooters
- Bus
- Train
- Tractors
- Whipper snippers
- Ride on lawn mowers
- Bob cats
- Cars
- Trucks
- Motorbikes
- Chainsaws
- Fork lift
- Helicopters
- Aeroplanes
- Sirens
- Hair dryer
- Suit cases
- Go Karts
- Wheelie Bins
- Remote control cars
- Ceiling fans
- 'Life sized' pictures of people
- Glass sliding doors
- Boats



NOISES



- Fireworks
- Storms (e.g. thunder and lightning)
- Parties
- Computer dial up
- Musical instruments (piano, guitar, saxophone)
- Gunshot
- Cheering
- School bell
- Sound effects CD
- Saucepans
- Radio
- Loud noises
- The sound of a carbonated drink opening



BEING RESTRAINED

- Leads
- Harnesses
- Halti/head harness
- Muzzle
- Opening mouth
- Cutting nails
- Grooming (as appropriate to the breed)
- Clippers
- Being tethered
- Having ears cleaned
- Having eyes cleared
- Having every part of the body handled
- Being picked up
- Teeth cleaning
- Being carried on a stretcher
- Being bandaged
- Elizabethan collar
- The vet

