

Steps to a Well-Socialized Guide Dog Puppy

Every puppy develops at a different rate. Raisers should check with their leaders for guidance on appropriate outings for growing puppies. See the documents on socialization for more information.

never:

zoo
wild animal park
revolving doors
escalators
moving sidewalks
off leash dog areas
amusement rides
fireworks displays

CFR approval
school airline travel

6+
mos

skate parks large parades
dog shows concerts
amusement parks
professional sporting events

17-
wks 6
mos

large indoor malls public beaches
public transportation small parades
big city (downtown) GDB campuses
heavy traffic movie theater
crowds bowling alley
parks bus stops
ice/hockey rink church
warehouse store (Costco etc)

12-
17
wks

elevators shopping centers
bicycles power equipment
restaurants residential traffic - light traffic
open stairs (public) oncoming & from behind
skateboards with buffer (such as vehicles)
small town city sidewalk - moderate traffic
from a distance

People - diverse as possible:

- * all ages
- * disabilities
- * odd gaits
- * big, looming
- * loud
- * uniform
- * costumes
- * hats or helmets
- * beards
- * glasses
- * gloves
- * umbrellas

Animals -

- * adult dogs (calm, friendly & vaccinated)
- * cats/kittens
- * small pets
- * birds
- * livestock

8-12 wks

car rides
vet visits (carry in & out until 17 wks)
household appliances

fans
crates
grates
parking lots

household stairs
slippery floors
friend's homes
flags/tarps blowing

