



# ANIMAL WELFARE (BREEDING OF DOGS) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2014

## PUPPY SOCIALISATION PLAN

Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Name of licensed breeder: \_\_\_\_\_

Licence number: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed / Breeds: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected average number of  
Puppies per litter "for each breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Home (delete as appropriate): **Domestic / Farm / Mix / Other** (*please specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

The socialisation of puppies is key to their development into well-balanced, good-natured dogs. The following actions should be considered when planning how to meet your puppies' developmental needs. This should not be a one-size-fits-all approach and should be tailored to take into consideration the puppies' future home environments e.g. family dwelling, working farm etc.:

- Care of the dam
- Early gentle handling of puppies
- Early socialisation with litter mates
- Socialisation with other dogs
- Socialisation with people, including supervised interaction with young children
- Opportunities to play
- Experiencing different situations
- Experiencing setbacks
- Managing risk of exposure to infectious disease
- Reinforcing and building on earlier social experiences

Please use the following table to detail how you are meeting your puppies' socialisation goals. Please speak to your vet or a suitably qualified person if you require assistance in the development of this document. Use additional sheets if required:

SOCIALISATION GOAL	TRAINING UNDERTAKEN	FOR LA USE ONLY IS THIS OBJECTIVE BEING MET?
Puppies are relaxed in the presence of people and other dogs e.g. willing to play.		

Puppies understand the intentions of others and respond appropriately e.g. by interpreting play signals.		
Puppies are familiar with encounters they are likely to experience e.g. household noises.		
Puppies are able to investigate and engage in different situations.		

Puppies are confident experiencing new things within their environment.		
Puppies have the opportunity to develop physical skills e.g. opportunities to play with litter mates.		
Puppies are given opportunity to acquire the positive temperament and skills it may need as a parent e.g. through interaction with its dam.		

Puppies are exposed to a wide range of appropriate stimuli to develop social skills.		
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