



**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:

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

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

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

<p>Puppies are exposed to a wide range of appropriate stimuli to develop social skills.</p>		
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