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ANIMAL RESCUE

OBSTACLES & SURFACES



Exploring different surfaces is an important part of puppy socialisation because it helps puppies build confidence and resilience in unfamiliar environments.



BUILDS SENSORY EXPERIENCE - Exposure to various textures—like grass, gravel, tiles, carpet, wood, metal, or even unstable surfaces—helps develop their sensory processing.



PROMOTES PHYSICAL COORDINATION - Walking on different surfaces helps puppies improve their balance and motor skills.



REDUCES FEAR OF NOVELTY - If a puppy only walks on one or two familiar surfaces during their early weeks, they may be more likely to find new textures scary later in life. Early positive exposure reduces the chance of fear or anxiety when they encounter something new.



SUPPORTS PROBLEM-SOLVING & ADAPTABILITY - Encouraging gentle exploration helps puppies learn how to approach new experiences thoughtfully, which can carry over into how they handle other unfamiliar or potentially stressful situations.



HELPS PREVENT LONG-TERM SENSITIVITY OR AVOIDANCE - Puppies that haven't experienced a variety of surfaces may later show reluctance or even refusal to walk on certain types (e.g., shiny floors, bridges, vet tables). Early exposure, paired with positive reinforcement, can prevent this.