

PUPPY SOCIALIZATION THE RULE OF 7'S

By the time a puppy is seven weeks old, he/she should have:

- **Been on 7 different types of surfaces:** carpet, concrete, wood, vinyl, grass, dirt, gravel, wood chips, etc.
- **Played with 7 different types of objects:** big balls, small balls, soft fabric toys, fuzzy toys, squeaky toys, paper or cardboard items, metal items, sticks, hose pieces, etc.
- **Been in 7 different locations:** front yard, back yard, basement, kitchen, car, garage, laundry room, bathroom, crate, etc.
- **Met and played with 7 new people:** include children and older adults.
- **Been exposed to 7 challenges:** climb on a box, go through a tunnel, climb steps, go down steps, climb over obstacles, play hide and seek, go in and out of a doorway with a step up or down, run around a fence, etc.
- **Eaten from 7 different containers:** metal, plastic, cardboard, paper, china, pie plate, frying pan, etc.
- **Eaten in 7 different locations:** crate, yard, basement, laundry room, living room, bathroom, etc.

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