The Rule of Twelves Puppy Socialization Guide

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

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Walked on 12 Different Surfaces \& Played with 12 Different Things \& Experienced 12 Different Locations \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Introduced to 12 \\
Different People
\end{tabular} \& Heard 12
Different Noises \& Seen 12 Different Fast-Moving Objects \\
\hline Carpet
Concrete
Wood
Linoleum
Tile
Grass
Wet Grass
Dirt
Mud
Sand
Gravel
Metal Grate
Plastic Sheet
Wood Chips
Mulch
Puddle

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$\qquad$ \& | Ball |
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| Soft Fabric Toy |
| Fuzzy Toy |
| Squeaky Toy |
| Rope Toy |
| Rubber Toy |
| Hard Toy |
| Moving Toy |
| Noisemaker Toy |
| Paper/Cardboard Item |
| Wooden Item |
| Metal Item |
| Milk Jug |
| Car Key |
| Stick | \& Living Room

Kitchen
Bathroom
Basement
Laundry Room
Garage
Front Yard
Back Yard
Crate
Kennel
Car
Moving Car
Another Home
Veterinary Hospital
Grooming Salon
Elevator
Beach
River
Dock/Pier
Boat

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$\qquad$ \& Toddler
Child
Teenager
Adult (esp. Male)
Senior
Person of Color
With Wheelchair
With Walker
With Cane
With Crutches
With Baby Stroller
With Skateboard
With Bike
With Wheelbarrow
With Hat
With Sunglasses
Cigarette Smoker

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$\qquad$ \& Garage Door
Doorbell
Children Playing
Baby Crying
Singing
Laughter
Clapping
Washing Machine
Vacuum Cleaner
Lawn Mower
Shopping Cart
Sports Game
Cat Meowing
Other Dogs Barking
Farm Animals
Pan Clatter on Floor
Fireworks
Car Alarm
Thunder
Cell Phone

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People Running \\
Cats Running \\
Squirrels Running \\
Birds Flying \\
Skateboard \\
Roller Skates \\
Bicycle \\
Scooter \\
Motorcycle \\
Car \\
Truck \\
Children Playing \\
Team Sports Game
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Faced 12 \\
Different Challenges
\end{tabular} \& \& Eaten from 12 Different Containers \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Eaten in 12 \\
Different Locations
\end{tabular} \& \& \\
\hline \begin{tabular}{l}
Climb on a Box \\
Climb in a Box \\
Climb off a Box \\
Go Around a Box \\
Go Through a Tunnel \\
Go Up/Down Stairs \\
Climb Over Obstacle \\
Play Hide and Seek \\
Go Thru Door w/ Step \\
Cross a Bridge \\
Try a Wobble Board \\
Climb a Log \\
Take a Bath \\
Run Around a Fence \\
Dig Under a Blanket \\
Jump Over a Broom \\
See Automatic Door \\
See Umbrella \\
See Balloons
\end{tabular} \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Held Under Arm \\
Held Against Chest \\
Held on Floor \\
Held in Lap \\
Held Between Legs \\
Cradled Like a Baby \\
Ears Examined \\
Mouth Examined \\
Tail Examined \\
Toes/Paws Examined \\
Temperature Taken \\
Nails Clipped \\
Nails Dremeled \\
Ride in Hip Sling
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Metal Bowl \\
Plastic Bowl \\
Ceramic Bowl \\
Paper Bowl \\
Wobbly Bowl \\
Cardboard Box \\
Paper Plate \\
Coffee Cup \\
Pie Tin \\
Frying Pan \\
Metal/Plastic Spoon \\
Kong Toy \\
Treat Ball Toy \\
Hend Fed

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Living Room \\
Kitchen \\
Bathroom \\
Basement \\
Laundry Room \\
Garage \\
Front Yard \\
Back Yard \\
Crate \\
Kennel \\
Bathtub \\
Up High on a Bench \\
Under an Umbrella \\
Car \\
Another Home
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Adult Dog \\
Senior Dog \\
Smaller Dog \\
Larger Dog \\
Spitz Breed \\
Herding Breed \\
Scent Hount Breed \\
Sight Hound Breed \\
Mastiff Breed \\
Bully Breed \\
Gun Dog Breed \\
Terrier Breed \\
Toy/Companion Breed \\
Guardian Breed

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Being alone without other people or animals for 5 to 45 minutes. \\
Putting on and taking off a collar or harness. \\
Wearing a leash or dragline around the house and yard. \\
Sleeping in a crate for 30 minutes to 2 hours. \\
Being taken outside for bathroom breaks. \\

* To track progress each week, erase the previous week's check marks at the start of a new week. Handling routine begins at birth, but life skills practice begins between 7 and 8 weeks old.
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