



Chapter 7 – Puppy Care and Socialization

Academic Summary

Chapter 7 focuses on early development, management, and structured socialization of puppies. It presents crate training, housebreaking, feeding protocols, and environmental conditioning as foundational systems for long-term behavioral stability. The chapter highlights the critical socialization window and responsible management practices.

Core Learning Objectives

- Describe developmental stages of puppies.
- Implement crate and house training strategies.
- Design appropriate socialization experiences.
- Explain management practices for safety and welfare.

Key Vocabulary

- Socialization Window
- Crate Training
- Housebreaking
- Environmental Conditioning
- Responsibility and Management

Conceptual Frameworks

- Critical Period Development Theory
- Behavioral Conditioning Model
- Responsible Ownership Framework