IT TAKES TIME TO BUILD A BOND

The Rule of Threes is a general timeline for animals to adjust to their new surroundings and environment after adoption. Every animal is unique and will require individual adjustment periods while learning new routines.



3 DAYS

DECOMPRESSION TIME

- May feel overwhelmed at times
- True personality may not show
- May be reluctant to eat or drink
- May seek refuge in a safe space or become unresponsive to commands
- Tests the boundaries of acceptable behavior



3 WEEKS

LEARNING THE ROUTINE

- Begins feeling more comfortable with environment
- Begins to recognize the family dynamic and routines
- True personality begins to show and slowly lets down guard
- Behavior issues may arise as pet becomes comfortable with surroundings



3 MONTHS

FEELING AT HOME

- Feels comfortable in new home
- Builds bonds and trust with family members
- Feels completely secure with family and surroundings
- Has a set routine to follow and understands household rules
- Is able to show full personality

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