

WELCOME HOME

The First 72 Hours

A gentle, realistic plan for helping your new HeyDoods puppy feel safe, rested, and loved.

DAY 1 | A calm homecoming

- Take your puppy to the designated potty spot as soon as you arrive home. Praise and reward outdoor successes.
- Introduce one quiet room at a time. Keep visitors, noise, and excitement to a minimum.
- Offer water and the familiar food provided in your go-home information. A little hesitation with meals can happen during transitions, but monitor closely.
- Start with short, happy crate introductions and keep your puppy nearby at night. Never force a frightened puppy to stay in the crate.

THE FIRST NIGHT | Comfort + consistency

- Expect some whining or waking. Check for potty needs and offer calm reassurance without turning nighttime into playtime.
- Plan overnight potty outings as needed; young puppies cannot reliably hold their bladder all night.
- Keep a familiar bedtime pattern: potty, quiet settling, sleep. Avoid unsupervised access to the house.

HEYDOODS TIP

A puppy who is sleeping, exploring, and adjusting at their own pace is doing important work. Keep the first day simple.

SETTLING IN

Days 2 & 3

Small, predictable moments help your puppy build confidence in their new home.

DAY 2 | Find your rhythm

- Offer potty breaks after waking, meals, drinks, and play, plus frequent opportunities while awake.
- Serve meals on a consistent schedule using the feeding guidance sent home with your puppy.
- Practice very short reward-based sessions: name recognition, coming when called, and a positive crate entry.
- Make room for frequent naps. Overtired puppies may become extra mouthy, restless, or fussy.

DAY 3 | Build on small wins

- Repeat the same potty location, cue words, and calm bedtime routine. Accidents are part of learning; clean with an enzymatic cleaner and avoid punishment.
- Introduce gentle handling of paws, ears, and coat, pairing each touch with praise or treats.
- Keep new experiences positive and low risk. Ask your veterinarian about safe socialization while vaccines are still in progress.

WHEN TO CALL YOUR VETERINARIAN

Contact a veterinarian promptly for repeated vomiting or diarrhea, refusal to eat with low energy, or signs of dehydration. Seek urgent care for collapse, difficulty breathing, a swollen painful abdomen, or severe lethargy.