

Bringing Your Adopted Dog Home

The first thing most people want to do is show off their new puppy. But I urge you to take it slow, he has been through a lot and it's very stressful. Give your new dog time to decompress.

The common milestones your new dog will go through will be the first 3 days after bringing your dog home from the shelter, then 3 weeks, then 3 months. Study the graphic on the following page.



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Keep dog on leash and in a crate for car ride home.

Take a nice long walk outside with your new dog before entering your home.

Keep existing pets separated from new dog for at least 24 hours.

Introduce your new dog to the inside of the house slowly so to not create overwhelm.

Keep the first few days quiet, no special outings or visitors.

Create a routine from day one.

Research training classes and sign up for one right away.

Never leave the new dog alone with your children.

Stay calm, be patient, and read about the 3-3-3 rule