YOUR PUP'S FIRST MONTH GOALS

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By the end of the first month home, your pup:

Has had at least one veterinary visit for a wellness check & age-appropriate vaccination and worming, if they are needed

Has learned and knows:

His name, so he turns his head toward you when you say his name, no matter what he's doing

When he's done something correctly

When he's been released from an exercise

Sleeps through the night and has no more than one potty accident per week because you are always watching him when he's outside his crate or ex-pen

Is calm and quiet in his crate for at least 60 minutes during the daytime

Wears his tagline at all times while out of his crate or ex-pen, so nips at your hands and pant legs less

Has completed at least two "adventure walks" with you

By the end of your pup's first month, you:

Focus on building your puppy's trust in you, other people, and the world around him

Are comfortable confining or supervising your pup all day, every day

Know how to communicate clearly and calmly with your pup using him name, "yes," treat rewards, "come," and "sit"

Are having fun playing with and going on adventures with your pup

Extra credit:

You and your pup have started or are enrolled in an in-person group Puppy Class

Your pup knows two tricks (shake, spin, back, etc.). Tricks are a great way to redirect your pup's attention back on you and serve as a stress reliever for him

You know your pup's favorite treats, toys, and activities!