

# Rule of 3's

## ADOPTING AN OLDER PUPPY

### First 3 Days

Dog may feel overwhelmed and unsure of what is going on. S/he may not want to eat, drink or play. The puppy/dog might also “shut down” and want to curl up and hide under a table. There may be some boundary testing



### After 3 Weeks

The Dog/Puppy will be starting to settle in and feeling more comfortable. S/he will have figured out the environment and be getting into a routine. More exercise may be needed and the true personality will start to show.

### After 3 Months

The Puppy or Dog is now completely comfortable in the new home. You are now building trust and a true bond. S/he has gained a complete sense of security with the new family and has a set routine.

