

# NEW DOG PARENT



Tips for your newly adopted family member.

## Dog Proofing

When the decision is made to make a new pet part of the family, providing a safe environment for them is important. Steps should be taken to prepare your home and yard for your new dog to eliminate any dangers.



## Buying Supplies

Don't forget the basics:

- Collar, ID tag, leash, harness
- Water dish, food puzzle
- Crate, bed
- Toys, treats

## Transition Time

Give your dog 2-4 weeks to adjust to a new routine and new rules. Provide a quiet place for them to decompress.



## Exercise/Mental Stimulation

A walk around the block or running around the yard is insufficient for most dogs.

Along with physical exercise, dogs need mental stimulation. Clicker training, food puzzles, and dog sports are all great ways to enrich your dog's life.

## Realistic Expectations

Your new dog will not automatically know the rules of your house. It's your job to guide them. Dog parks, social gatherings and pet stores should wait until after the transition time.



*Congratulations on your new family member.  
Thank you for choosing to adopt!*