WELCOME HOME!

A happy start with your newly adopted dog

TAKE IT AT YOUR DOG'S PACE

- Keep the first days calm and routines predictable.
- Offer a quiet resting place and plenty of sleep.
- Let her approach you. Introduce people and pets gradually.
- Reward good choices. Build up time alone slowly.

IS SHE SETTLING IN?

Look for relaxed body language, restful sleep, a regular appetite, curiosity, play and choosing to be near you.

A quiet dog may still be worried. Look for progress over time.

"3 days, 3 weeks, 3 months" is a guide, **not a deadline.**

CONFIDENT DOGS CAN STILL GET SPOOKED

Any dog can be startled at any age, even after years in a loving home.

Use a secure leash and properly fitted equipment. Secure her before opening car or outside doors. Keep ID tags and microchip details current.

DON'T RUSH

- Skip busy outings, dog parks and lots of visitors at first.
- Don't force cuddles or greetings.
- Don't punish fear, growling or toilet accidents.
- Ask your rescue for help when you need it.

DON'T TAKE THINGS FOR GRANTED

- Coming when called at home does not guarantee she will respond when frightened.
- Being friendly with one dog does not mean she wants to greet every dog.
- Keep checking gates, doors, fences and walking equipment, even after years together.
- Tell your pool cleaner, gardener, house cleaner and anyone entering your home or yard to close doors and gates behind them, then check they are securely latched.

GOOD ADVICE, NOT SCAREMONGERING

Don't let other people's horror stories spoil your enjoyment.

Take real concerns seriously. Ask your rescue, vet or a qualified reward based trainer for guidance.

BE PATIENT. BE SENSIBLE. ENJOY YOUR DOG.



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