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Getting to know your new dog

Congratulations! You've saved a life by adopting a rescue dog from Rovers Return!

You are probably really excited with your new family member and nobody will love you more than your rescued pet. This is the beginning of a great adventure for you and your dog.

Please keep in mind that your pet has more than likely not had the best start in life and will need time to adjust. You are going to change that from now on. Please keep in mind that your pet won't automatically know this and may be quite anxious, frightened or excited. Things won't be plain sailing at the start, your dog will need time to learn the rules and habits of your home until they've been there for a while and will benefit from your direction. They may have been potty trained in a previous home but will once again need to learn the rules.

All dogs, just like people, need to de-compress, need time to learn your ways and IT WILL GET BETTER, please be patient and think of the long term..

The 3's of Adopting an Adult Dog

3 Days: Your dog should be starting to warm up.

In the first 3 days you should provide a quiet environment. Don't give them too much attention, don't introduce them to your friends and family just yet. Get them on a regular feeding, sleeping and walking schedule. Offer treats when they do something good. Ignore any bad behavior right now, any negative correction may reinforce it. Also "train" your kids to be caring, gentle and respectful of their dogs personal space. Emphasise that they are not a toy. Teach your dog to sit before feeding, leashing, going outside and crossing roads.

3 Weeks: Your dog should now be starting to fit in.

You should now be reinforcing good behaviors on a regular basis and the dog should be fitting in, consistency and repetition is the key. Don't feel disheartened or worried, problems are bound to happen with dogs in a situation that they are not accustomed to. If you have any specific concerns then it may be worth speaking to a professional trainer.

3 Months: He is home

The dog will now be feeling that he is at home. With a positive plan, training and patience and most importantly be able to see the funny side of things you are destined for a rewarding life together.

The day you adopt your dog please take extreme caution when you get him/her home. Often dogs become very scared and will try to run. If this happens please contact us at Rovers Return IMMEDIATELY so that we can help and advise asap. Please do not leave it a day, we can help and stand a better chance of getting the dog back home safe quickly.

