



What to Expect with your New Dog

Congrats on your new pet!

We know how exciting it is to have a new pet arrive at your home. Just remember that for the next couple days, *everything* will be new to your pet. Meeting a new family and moving into a new environment is a lot to take in so try to avoid overwhelming your pet and exposing them to too much at once. Expect there to be a period of adjustment before your pet settles in and gets comfortable to its' new family and home.

For the first few days, your dog may whine, cry or pace due to the anxiety of being in a new place.

Since your dog will be stressed in the beginning, you may also want to avoid feeding him/her large meals to avoid your pet getting sick. Also, if you are changing your pets' diet, expect there to be some digestion upset that could lead to vomiting or diarrhea.

Make sure to supervise your pet with other animals and children until you have gotten to know your pets' personality.

If you have other dogs at home, we highly recommend letting them meet outside your home on neutral territory. Taking them on a brief walk can be beneficial to allowing them meet while burning off some nervous energy they may have.

Establish boundaries with your pet right away. Once inside your home, show your new pet where he/she is allowed to go, where feeding dishes are and, finally, show them where they can go potty. We recommend staying in this area until your pet relieves himself. Even when an animal is housebroken, they may need a refresher course when introduced to their new home. This especially tends to happen in homes that have existing pets since there are so many strange smells and your new pet may feel the need to mark their territory until he/she becomes more comfortable. Crating your pet when you cannot supervise him/her can help with housebreaking.

It can take a couple weeks for your pet to adjust to a new home. With just a little patience, your dog can become an amazing addition to your family. Have fun and enjoy your pup!