



Dog Adoption 101

TIPS FOR DOG OWNERS

HOME SWEET HOME

Your new roommate will need supplies! Help create a dog paradise for your canine friend.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED



2 bowls for food and water; each dog in your home should have their own bowl and they should be fed separately



a sturdy crate and/or kennel to help prevent accidents



toys to help exercise and stimulate



a dog bed, pillow, or blanket

IT'S POTTY TIME

- Expect accidents while your new dog adjusts to your home and schedule.
- Crate initially to help prevent accidents and destructive behavior.
- If you're having trouble with marking, purchase a belly band.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Set up training with a certified dog trainer to put you and your pet on the right track.

MAKING FRIENDS

INTRODUCING YOUR DOG TO KIDS AND OTHER PETS

- Supervision is a *must*.
- Make sure children are respectful of the dog and approach him or her calmly and gently.
- Your home is your pet's territory--introduce new dogs slowly.
- Keep a leash on the dog at first.
- Teach all dogs in the house boundaries.



LIKE CLOCKWORK

Put your new dog on a routine to help them acclimate. Your home is a new environment and they will need to learn the rules and routine from you.

LET'S PLAY

Dogs need to stretch their legs to keep their minds and bodies healthy. This is especially important for young dogs and more active breeds. Yard time, runs or walks, fetch, and other games are important for healthy canine living.

YOUR DOG IS A LIVING CREATURE WITH NEEDS LIKE YOU AND ME. BE FLEXIBLE AND PATIENT WHILE YOU BOTH ADJUST TO YOUR NEW LIFE TOGETHER.