

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.



Exercise/Mental Stimulation

A walk around the block or running around the yard is insufficient for most dogs. Along with exercise, dogs need mental stimulation.

Try a food puzzle!

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.

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.



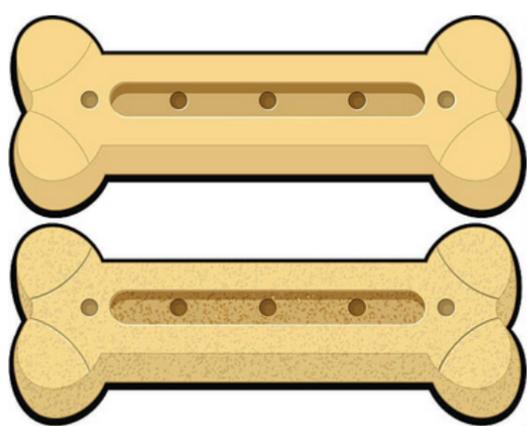
Congratulations on your new family member.

Thank you for choosing to adopt!

DO'S AND DON'T'S OF TRAINING

DO!

DO reward often! Give treats for wanted behaviors whenever you see them. Make training a positive experience.



DO use comfortable equipment to keep your dog relaxed! Training should always be easy-going.



DO turn training into a game! If your dog loves fetch, ask them to perform a task before you throw the ball.



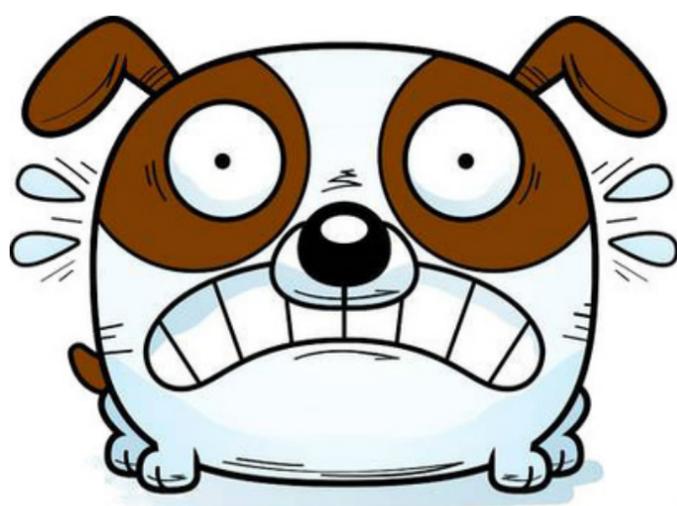
DON'T

DON'T punish or force a dog. This will only cause your dog to be afraid of you or react aggressively. Positive reinforcement is more fun!



DON'T use aversive equipment that will cause training to be painful and scary. This includes:

- Prong collars
- Choke collars
- Shock collars



Questions? We're here to help!

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