

BRINGING A PET HOME



Bringing your new pet home is such an exciting event!

However, it can also be an overwhelming and stressful one for your animal. It might take weeks or months before your animal is completely comfortable in its new home, especially if it has lived in multiple homes or shelters. **Here are 8 ways you can help** make your pet's homecoming easier!

PATIENCE

Your animal will need some time to adjust to its new home and family. Being in a brand new environment can be overwhelming, so it's important to give your animal time to adjust.



ROUTINE

Establishing a schedule for feeding and walking, and who is taking care of what will make your pet feel more at home. When animals don't know what to expect, this can lead to anxiety and unwanted behaviors.



CRATE TRAINING

Crate training early keeps not only keeps your animal safe and makes house and potty training easier, it also makes them feel more secure and comfortable, especially when you are away from home.



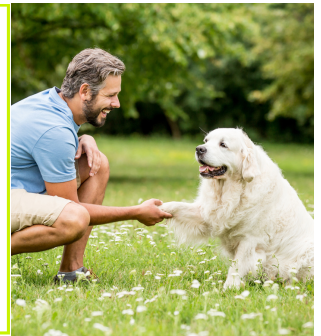
SLEEP & PLAY

It's so important to provide your animal with its own bed and toys. Animals also use their bed to relax and have a safe space. Be sure that all toys are appropriate for your pet's age and chewing tendencies and throw out toys that have potential choking hazards.



TRAINING

Behavior training helps develop the bond between you and your animal, and should offer physical and mental stimulation. Potty training should be consistent and always be met with positive reinforcement.



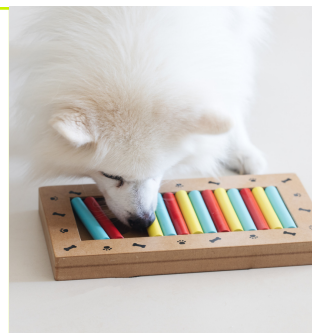
FOOD

Animals can be sensitive to diet changes. If and when your pet is ready for a new diet, be sure to transition by mixing in the new food in small increments over 2 weeks to reduce stomach upset.



MENTAL & PHYSICAL EXERCISE

Just like humans, exercise is key to keeping your animal healthy and content. The types of physical exercise and toys for mental exercise will vary by animal breed, age and other factors



ESTABLISH A REGULAR VET

Having a regular vet and taking your pet for routine checkups will help them have a longer, healthier life! Veterinarians are animal experts and can uncover and prevent potential problems.

