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Bringing Home Your New Puppy

Congratulations on the adoption of your new pet! The first few days will be very exciting for you and probably a little scary for your new friend. It will be helpful for you and your new pet to have a game plan. Make sure your pet has a safe place in his new home such as a crate or his own bed and that you have provided all the necessities such as food and water bowls, food, toys, leash, and collar. There is a lot to think about when bringing home a new friend for life but above all remember patience and compassion. The puppy you have adopted has been through a lot in the last several days and needs time to settle in and get used to a new routine and a new set of rules. Training can help make the transition easier for you and your new pet.

Starting Off on the Right Paw

When you bring home your new puppy you should already have his primary resources set up and ready to go. You should have a crate or a plan for a confinement area to keep your puppy safe when you cannot supervise him.

- ❖ There should also be a feeding area, with his own food and water bowls. Your puppy should be fed three times a day; in the morning, mid-day and again in the evening and should continue eating the same brand food he/she is used to. **For exact feeding amount check the package directions for age and weight of the puppy to see how much to feed. If a mid-day feeding is not possible, feed a bit more in the morning feeding. Avoid overfeeding. When you first bring the puppy home, don't feed them right away, let them get settled in the new environment first.
- ❖ Fresh, clean water should be available to your puppy, so remember to wash the bowls frequently. Plenty of toys and appropriate chew items should be made available, the more toys your puppy has the less likely he is to make a mistake and chew up your things.
- ❖ Get your new pet started on a schedule and a routine right away. Getting up, going to bed, playtime, walking or exercise, feeding and potty time should start as soon as possible.
- ❖ A consistent living environment will take some of the confusion out of all the new things you will be expecting your puppy to do.
- ❖ Expect mistakes, these things take time and you will need to be patient with your new pet.

Avoid too much too soon, new owners are often excited to show off their new puppy and visit new places with him as well as have people come to their home and meet him. Take it easy the first several days. Let the puppy have time to settle into his new environment and get used to a new routine.

If you must switch your puppy's food:

- Day 1. Mix 20% of the new food with 80% of the old food
- Day 2. Mix 40% of the new food with 60% of the old food
- Day 3. Mix 60% of the new food with 40% of the old food
- Day 4. Mix 80% of the new food with 20% of the old food
- Day 5. Feed 100% of the new food

YOUR PUPPY HAS BEEN EATING NATURAL BALANCE LIMITED INGREDIENTS PUPPY FOOD



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If at any point, during this process your pet stops eating or develops vomiting or diarrhea, do not feed any more of the new food and contact:

Yleana Escobar 305-283-7118 (PLEASE CALL SEVERAL TIMES IF SHE DOES NOT ANSWER IMMEDIATELY) CALL THIS NUMBER FOR PUPPIES ONLY.

If your puppy has a medical emergency

Some signs that warrant you getting up in the middle of the night and getting to an emergency vet ASAP include:

- Difficulty breathing, which may be manifested as blue gums, coughing of foamy, pink frothy liquid, panting constantly, or stretching the head and neck out while breathing
- Constant coughing and inability to rest through the night
- A distended, “bloated” abdomen
- Non-productive retching (which is classic for gastric-dilatation volvulus or “GDV”)
- Anxiety or restlessness (often a sign of pain or a GDV)
- Pale gums (which is often seen with internal bleeding or anemia)
- An elevated heart rate (> 160 beats per minute at home)
- A respiratory rate of > 60 breaths per minute at home while resting
- Crying out in pain; Jaundiced (yellow gums)
- Not being able to move or walk or dragging of the back legs
- Extreme lethargy; Any significant amounts of bleeding
- Any trauma; Any poisoning or toxin ingestion
- Vomiting more than two or three times
- Abnormal vaginal discharge
- Abnormal odor from your dog
- Fever; Squinting, bulging, or painful eyeballs
- Straining to urinate, making multiple trips to urinate, squatting to urinate without producing any urine; Collapse; tremors or seizures
- Any abnormal behavior that you’re worried about (e.g., acting aloof or particularly clingy)

Most of all, enjoy all the love you will receive from this new addition to the family!

Emergency Vet used by our organization Pet Emergency Broward County FL:

<https://petemergencycenters.com/>

Crossroads Animal Hospital at Kendall <http://www.crossroadspetvet.com/>

Our regular vet is Pet Express Animal Hospital located in Davie FL: <https://www.954pet.com/>

[PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE ATTACHED PUPPY MANUAL](#)