

# Tips for Bringing a New Dog Home

Bringing a new dog home is both exciting and a little stressful. With the right preparations, you can help make it a smooth transition.

## PREP YOUR HOME



### Gather supplies.

A collar, leash, food and water bowls, food, a few toys and an ID tag.

### Prepare to houstrain.

Even if your dog has previous houstraining, prepare to reestablish training in your own home.

### Plan for arrival.

If you're able, plan to spend at least a few full days with your new dog.

## ..... FIRST COUPLE WEEKS .....

### Dogs like order.

If they misbehave, be calm and speak in a loud and disapproving voice. Reward them when they do well.

### Ensure your dog's health.

Make sure your dog has been spayed or neutered and their vaccinations are up to date.

### Get a crate.

Most dogs instinctively like to den, and a crate feels like their own room.

## LONG TERM

### Get active with your pet.

Dogs love to play and get exercise. Get into a routine of taking them for frequent walks and playing catch.

### Be patient.

Every dog is different and needs time to adjust to their new life.

