

RESCUE DOGS

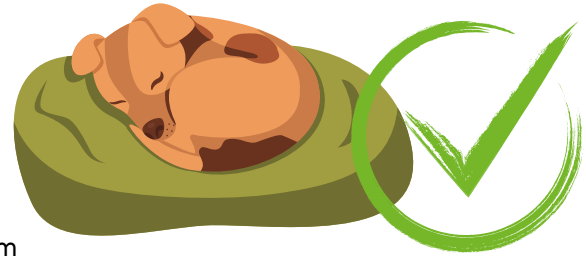


Newly rescued, rehomed or recently adopted dogs need time to adjust. They have been through a very stressful experience and need time to process all of the sudden changes.

When a dog is being rehomed, EVERYTHING is new to them

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP SETTLE A NEW DOG:

- Restrict the dog to 1 or 2 rooms
- Use a leash while potty training
- Limit sounds to a soft / dull noise
- Slowly introduce the dog to the family
- Consider a calming pheromone collar
- Give the dog a toy / bed to settle with
- Let them come to you for petting, don't go to them
- Move slowly and deliberately without sudden / startling movements



- Loud noises and quick movements
- Other pets or friends pets
- Leaving the property
- Long walks in new areas
- Bathing / grooming unless absolutely necessary
- Exposure to stressful situations
- Hugging and crowding them / being pushy with affection

WHAT TO AVOID:



You will NEVER regret taking it slow with your rescue dog



Your newly adopted dog may have several potty accidents as they are unused to the environment and may be scared to go elsewhere to potty. Dogs need time to learn the rules and expectations of each new place. The best approach is to assume the dog has had no potty training whatsoever.

Be aware that urinary infections can be common in rescue dogs due to the stress and confusion of a suddenly changing situation

3 STEPS YOUR RESCUE DOG GOES THROUGH AFTER ADOPTION

1 DECOMPRESSION	Feeling Overwhelmed, Scared & Unsure May not want to eat or drink May shut down or hide	This is usually between 3 days to 1 month depending on the dog
2 ROUTINE	Starts settling in Gets into a routine Learns about their environment Behavioral issues may begin to appear	This is usually between 4 days to 3 months depending on the dog
This can be anywhere from 3 months to over a year	3 AT HOME	Begins to build trust & bond with you Has their routine set Gains a sense of security with his role Finally feels completely comfortable in the home

