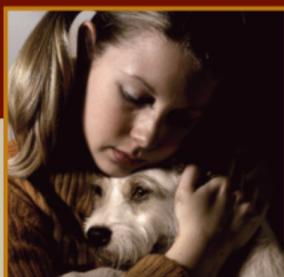


Welcoming Your New Dog



A gentle integration of your canine companion to his new environment will help ensure a good start and a happy life together.

By being gentle, calm and friendly, yet firm, constant, and coherent, you will establish a trusting relationship with your dog.

Coming home

- Calmly introduce your dog to your family members. If other animals live with you, refer to the leaflet *"Votre chien et les autres animaux de la famille"*.
- Let him explore the inside of the house as he pleases.
- Show him where his bowls, his bed, and rest area are. If you have a crate, refer to the leaflet *"La cage... Votre meilleure alliée"*.

Exploring outside of your home

- Put your dog on his leash BEFORE you go outside.
- Accompany him to the area you've designated for him to relieve himself. If he does so, praise him enthusiastically.
- Take him often to that area or to the one where he first relieved himself, always on leash.

A few hours after his arrival

- After some hours spent exploring and getting to know your family members, offer him a leather bone or a *kong* filled with peanut butter.

His first few nights

- Preferably, let your dog sleep in your bedroom for the first nights. He will feel both safe and like he's part of the family.

Your dog needs time to understand that you are his new family; give him a few days to adapt and be patient.



Helpful tips

- Keep your dog out of the rooms where he is not allowed by closing the doors or installing a fence.
- In order to properly supervise your dog during the first days, try the “umbilical cord” method. Simply attach his leash to your waist so he will follow you wherever you go. He will understand that you are a friendly and good “parent”, and you will avoid unpleasant behavior such as property destruction.

Things to avoid

- To facilitate your dog’s integration, avoid inviting relatives and friends or taking him out to visit them for the first few days.

Your dog first needs to get acquainted with you and your family. It is therefore preferable to wait a few days before introducing him to your friends and relatives.

- To ensure that your dog feels like a part of the family, do not make him sleep outside, in the garage, or in the basement. His first nights are crucial to the establishment of a trusting relationship with you.

Aide-mémoire

Do you have these accessories on hand?

The Essentials

- ✓ Quality dog food adapted to your pet’s needs
- ✓ Leather or nylon collar and identification tag
- ✓ Leash
- ✓ Food and water bowls

The Very Practical

- ✓ Bed
- ✓ Crate
- ✓ 20 foot extension leash
- ✓ Toys and treats
- ✓ Brush or comb according to hair type
- ✓ Shampoo, ear cleaner, nails clipper, toothbrush and toothpaste
- ✓ Baby fence
- ✓ Safety harness for the car