

## SET YOUR NEW FAMILY MEMBER UP FOR SUCCESS

1. Even if you were told your pup is housetrained it's best to still take precautions. Take him out frequently and reward him for going where you want him to do his business. Use gates/crates/keep on leash when not being fully supervised until you are certain he is indeed housetrained.
2. AN ESCAPED DOG IS ONE OF THE MORE COMMON PROBLEMS PEOPLE EXPERIENCE WITH NEWLY ADOPTED DOGS. It's imperative to go in the backyard with him preferably on leash. Keep him on leash inside the house when any door is open so you can hold onto him. In time this won't be necessary, but initially it is.
3. Please no overwhelming him with meeting too many people at one time. Let him get comfortable first with your household members. Keep his world small at first. No big outings where he is introduced to too many people at once.
4. If you have dogs already in your home it's best to introduce one dog at a time to your new dog in neutral territory (at a location your resident dog has never been). If you have a cat already in the home please keep separated and introduce slowly.
5. If at all possible, please have your new dog sleep in your room with you on a nice comfy bed. Being in a strange place can be frightening. If not possible to sleep in your room let him stay in an area of the house where you spend time. Scents are very important to dogs and it will help him be comfortable if he is surrounded by the scents of his new family.
6. Ensure he has a safe space, somewhere he can retreat to if he feels overwhelmed by his new environment.