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## INTRODUCING A NEW DOG

### Allow Them Time To Adjust

Give them patience as they process you're their new forever home.

#### Decompressing

Their personality may not come out yet. Keep them in small areas and slowly increase their freedom over the next few months.

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Days

##### **Things to Expect:**

- May be slow to eat or extremely fast
- May feel overwhelmed, stressed or uncertain
- Learning new surroundings
- Hiding, Shutdown, Testing Boundaries
- May try to escape

##### **Tips:**

- Give them space & time
- Create a cozy, dark space to call their own (Feed them in this area)
- Be slow, calm and patient
- DoNOT introduce them to kids, new people, other pets or places

#### Learning A Routine

They have started to create a routine and their personality may start to come out. Slowly start expanding their world with other pets, new people and new environments.

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Weeks

##### **Things to Expect:**

- Comfort level will increase
- Learning their routine
- Still learning your boundaries
- New behaviors may start to arise at this time
- Their personality is starting to show

##### **Tips:**

- Reward every success
- Start working on basic skills
- Be slow, patient and brief with new introductions
- Stay consistent
- Introduce them to more space in your home
- Keep them on leash with you or tied in a local area for supervised free time

#### Feeling At Home

They will continue to grow from here. Start expanding their social network and introduce them to high stimulating environments. They can have freedom and less supervision.

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Months

##### **Things to Expect:**

- Built trust and a true bond
- Routines have set in
- Feels secure around family and their home
- Establishes habits
- Their personality is out and they are comfortable

##### **Tips:**

- Continue to reward every success
- Work on desired skills and commands
- Avoid on-leash greetings with other dogs, it can cause unintended tension
- Stay consistent with your routines and allow them time to adjust if things change