

Tips for Adopters

Thanks to you, there are two very lucky dogs out there—yours and one that will take its place at the shelter. So thank *you!* Here are a couple of things to remember for your first few days together—

1. Take it easy!

Your new best friend had a long flight, they've met a lot of people along the way, and they landed in an environment that's completely new to them. They might be tired, jetlagged, and a little confused. Give them a few days to rest and get used to their new home.

2. Eat up!

At the shelter all of our residents are fed homemade food—chicken soup, with vegetables, grains, vitamins. This way we can ensure they are getting a good quality balanced diet. It may take a couple days for your pooch to adjust to their new diet. We recommend feeding your dog a mixture of dry and canned food. Orijen and Wellness are great brands to try.

3. Meet your vet!

Don't forget to schedule an appointment with your vet. They will want to see your dog's passport. Remember the dates in the passport are written in the European format: DAY/MONTH/YEAR. While you are there be sure to get some Heartworm Preventative. Heartworms do not exist in Sochi. In the US and Canada dogs receive monthly heartworm medication. And mark your calendars for next year, vaccinations are valid for one year!

4. Learn!

There is a lot for you and your dog to learn! Leash are pretty new to them so we recommend using a harness to make sure your dog doesn't slip their collar or hurt their neck if they pull. Sochi Dogs are quick learners visit your local pet store to sign up for a basic obedience class and they'll make you proud!

5. Shop!

Sochi Dogs is run strictly on donations, so we need all the help we can get to keep rescuing dogs like yours. If you shop on Amazon visit [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/?ref=AUD_audience=US&pf_rd_p=81111111-1111-1111-1111-111111111111) and select Friends of Sochi Dogs as your charity of choice. A portion of your spending will be donated to us.

Buy dog food online through [Chewy.com](https://www.chewy.com/). They have great deals and deliver right to your door. Go to: <http://www.chewy.com/rp/2700> and the shelter will receive a \$20 donation from your first order.

6. Don't be a stranger!

Keep in touch! We want to hear how you are doing. Be sure to join the Facebook group: Sochi Dogs: Happily Ever After to ask questions and share pictures or you can always reach us via email at info@sochidogs.org