



The Ride Home

Here are some tips when picking up your new friend:

- We recommend your new dog ride home in a crate or secured in your car's back seat. Never put a dog in the back of an open pickup truck.
- If you have your current dog with you, keep the dogs separated on the journey from the shelter, as your existing dog may feel the car is his space that needs protecting.
- Leave the leash attached to your dog's flat collar (you can fasten it through the seat belt).
- Do not allow children to excite the dog.
- Do not give the dog a long-lasting food treat or rawhide in the car.
- Take the dog directly home. Don't stop on the way home for supplies or to visit your friends.
- If the dog vomits, simply clean it up without punishing the dog.
- Do not leave the dog alone in the car.
- Before you open the car door, get ahold of the leash so the dog cannot bolt.

On Arrival Home:

- Take your dog on the leash to the area that you want her to go potty. Do not play with them until they relieve themselves and give them a treat when they are almost done.
- Take your dog inside, show her where her food and water is. Keep her leash on for control.
- Act very low key and don't excite her with play.
- As she is exploring her new home, watch her carefully. If she attempts to urinate inside, quickly escort her to her area in the yard. When she uses this area correctly, give her a treat as described above.
- Keep the doors closed to any areas where she is not allowed.
- A calm and consistent first few days will help your new companion settle in with minimal stress.