



Do's and Don'ts after bringing home a newly adopted pet

Do's

1. Make sure you **give your pet ample time**: to get accustomed to their new home, environment and family. Generally, we do not know the past of a rescued pet. We may not know what all they have suffered to form their present behavior and reactions. While bringing home a pet, these things must be considered seriously.
2. Always look out for your **pet's body language**: Any signs of distress, any abnormal vocalizations should be taken seriously. Check if they have an injury or illness and consult the veterinarian. The vocalization may also be a sign of distress at the new environment. Make sure you spend enough time with them to ensure a comfortable transition.
3. Ensure **socialization with other pets**: Take your new pet out for walks and let them play and socialize with other pets. This will help him get accustomed to his new home and life in an easier manner. Who doesn't like to have good friends anyway?
4. Keep your **pet's health insured**: With the coming of a pet, there may be additional expenses due to vet visits owing to sudden illness or injuries. To avoid any unwelcome burden on your finances, make sure you get your new pet insured as soon as you get them.
5. Check for **ticks and fleas often**: It is possible that your pet may get ticks and fleas from their new friends or on walks. It is easy to overlook these small things in the beginning. But make sure you check for it regularly and ensure precautions like medicated baths. Measures like this may save you and the pet from a lot of inconvenience and discomfort later.

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6. Visit the **veterinarian** regularly: Make sure you take the vet visit appointments seriously and keep track of their vaccinations and deworming routine. This is another step to keep in consideration to avoid life-threatening infections and complications away.

7. Offer **clean and safe environment**: Always clean up instantly if your pet has a pee-poo accident inside the house. Clean their paws after coming back from walks but make sure you do not use harsh soaps or cleaners for it. Just a gentle cloth will be enough to wipe the dirt off. Keep their crates clean and make sure you clean their food and water bowls after each meal.

8. **Take Hydration seriously**: Most pet-parents give ample attention to food but overlook the importance of adequate and clean drinking water for the pet. Offer your pet enough clean water to avoid complications arising out of dehydration.

9. Give **measured food**: In the pursuit of making your new pet get adjusted quickly and happily, do not offer more than necessary food. Research how much food your pet needs and offer measured amounts of nutritious food. This will avoid the chances of pet obesity and will also eliminate the chances of many diseases. This will also allow your pet to relax after finishing their food because they no longer have to guard it.

10. Allow **some quiet time**: Always allow your new pet to spend some time away in the crate. This will allow them to have some peaceful time in their safe space and will help tackle any behavioral issue they may have.

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Do Not

- 1. Do not approach suddenly:** A new pet is startled easily because all of a sudden, they are surrounded by new people and a completely new set of environmental features. Any sudden approach may make him react in an unexpected way.
- 2. Do not leave pet with a child too soon:** No matter how friendly a pet is or what their nature is. It is advisable that in the beginning, the child in the house is always accompanied by an adult when the pet is around. Sometimes, small children may do some gestures that are completely innocent but the pet gets intimidated and may snap. Always assume that the pet may respond unexpectedly and make allowances for that.
- 3. Do not play roughly:** Do not engage in roughhousing with a new pet. This encourages the pet to be rough even when a human is not meaning to be. The pet may be later reprimanded for the same behavior. We need to be consistent when training the pet's behavior.
- 4. Do not wait for housetraining:** Prepare the pet to know where and when to relieve themselves right after they come home. Do not wait to get other factors stable. Once the pet begins to use the house as a relieving place, they will be hard to housetrain.
- 5. Do not allow friends of children to engage directly:** No matter how much you think you have come to know the new pet, they may still behave in unexpected ways in front of new people, especially new children. So, make sure new children, friends of children are always accompanied by adults.
- 6. Do not confine for longer durations:** Crate training is good for the pet but that should not mean that they may be left alone and unattended in the crate for longer durations.
- 7. Do not make sudden changes to routine or diet:** Try replicating the food as closely as you can with the quantity and quality of the food they were getting at the shelter or the previous home. This will allow them to settle better without altering their alimentary routine too much.

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8. **Do not bathe too often:** Too much and too frequent bathing may cause the pet's skin to go dry and itchy. Baths should be restricted to when they get wet or dirty or after a fixed interval depending on the breed of the dog. Indian dogs are generally fine with once a month medicated baths.

9. **Do not disturb when eating:** Even the friendliest and calmest of pets may behave strangely around food. They guard the food even when they do not want to eat it at that particular moment. It is therefore advisable to give the pet measured food and take away all the excess food to avoid any protective behavior.

10. **Do not give human treats and snacks to pets:** Human snacks and treats are generally to be avoided with pets. Eatables like chocolates, sugary snacks and fried foods are extremely harmful for pets and should not be given to them under any circumstances.

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