



Your New Dog or Puppy

When you first get home:

Let your dog sniff and explore your yard (on a leash if your yard isn't fenced) for a few minutes before taking him inside. Let her explore one room at a time while you are with her.

Introductions to other pets:

If you have another dog, let your dog sniff the new dog first, while they are both on leashes. For the first few days it is very important to give your other dog more attention than the new dog. This will help your original dog know he is not being replaced and will help the new dog adjust to your home without feeling dependent on you for protection.

If you have a cat, put it in another room for an hour or two while your new dog adjusts to your home. This allows your new dog to get use to the cats smell. Then have the dog sit in front of you and watch (on a leash if necessary) while you hold, talk to, and pet your cat for a few minutes. Do not give attention to your new dog while you are holding your cat. This lets your new dog know that the cat is under your protection and that you have placed the cat higher in the pack than he is. Be sure to hold on to your new dog when your cat leaves your lap. If the dog tries to chase the cat tell her no and repeat the exercise till your new dog learns to leave the cat alone. Be sure to watch how they do for a few days. You may need to repeat this learning experience several times.

House training:

Even if you adopted an adult dog that is house trained, take your dog out to relieve herself every 3 hours for the first few days. Every 2 hrs if he is a puppy 4-6 months old and every hr if she is under 4 months. This teaches the dog that the only place to go is outside. You might want to tell your dog, "Go potty." or something like that when you take him out and then praise him when he is going. Soon he will learn to go right away when you use that phrase. Remove both food and water about two hours before you have your new dog go to sleep for the night. Do this till your new dog consistently relieves herself outside.

Tips:

Begin teaching your new dog or puppy to sit, lay, and stay right away. It will help her learn to that you are the pack leader and how to calm herself. Taking your dog or puppy for daily walks will get rid of a lot of their mischief and save you heaps of frustration. For more information on getting your new relationship started out right we suggest visiting www.cesarsway.com.