



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW PET!

We're pawstive you're going to love your life together. Find tips inside to help you get started.





SETTING UP YOUR SPACE

- **A safe space:** Give your pet their own space where they feel safe, such as a crate with blankets or a comfy bed in a quiet area.
- **Pet proof:** Tape down electrical cords, install pet gates, and move fragile objects and small, chewable items out of reach.
- **Remove potential hazards:** Make sure trash bins, medications, cleaning chemicals, plastic bags and other pet hazards are safely secured.
- **Other pets:** Plan how you'll keep a new pet separated from other pets at home while they settle in.

WHAT YOUR PET NEEDS

- **Nutrition:** Feed the right amount of quality food and treats. Ask what they ate at the shelter. Don't change their routine too quickly.
- **Vet care:** Choose a veterinarian and schedule regular checkups including vaccinations, preventive care and dental care.
- **Exercise and socialization:** Give lots of exercise including daily walks for dogs and at least 15 minutes of active play for cats.
- **Grooming:** Dedicate time to regular grooming, including brushing, teeth-cleaning and nail-trimming.
- **Love and praise:** Spend time together and give positive reinforcement for good behavior. It's much more effective than scolding.





SETTLING IN AT HOME

- **Get on a schedule:** Pets are happier when they know what to expect. Stick to a routine for mealtimes, walks or play, and bathroom breaks.
- **Establish rules:** Is your pet allowed on the bed? Is part of the yard off limits? Decide on rules and be consistent to avoid confusing your pet.
- **Train:** Teach dogs cues like “sit,” “stay,” “come” and “drop it.” Reward and praise them when they do something right.
- **Get help:** Have a question or concern? Talk with your veterinarian or a trainer to get the best, professional advice.



MUST DOS FOR DAY ONE

- 1** Drive home with your new pet safely on a leash or in a crate that's buckled in place.
- 2** At home, show your pet where they'll use the bathroom, whether it's the yard for dogs or a litter box for cats. Let them sniff around and try it out.
- 3** Set up your pet in their safe space, limiting access by other pets and family so your dog or cat can settle in.
- 4** Don't force a new pet to interact with you, but do spend time with them so they know you're a friend. Be patient.



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We're so happy for you and for your lucky new pet. When people and pets can be together, it's a better world for everyone. Enjoy your life together!

Be sure to register your new pet's microchip and get a collar with your contact information to help them get home if lost!

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