

Tips for Bringing a Shelter Dog Home

REWARD YOUR DOG

Dogs learn by association. Reward your dog's good behavior with treats and praise. Don't reward bad behavior. Never punish or scold them, just ignore it. Your dog will soon start to associate the good behavior with rewards.



BE CONSISTENT

Don't let a puppy get away with things you don't want them to when they're older. Make sure all the family enforces the same rules so that your dog doesn't get confused.



BE POSITIVE

Don't train your dog when either of you are tired. If you're not enjoying the training, neither will your dog. Always be friendly and positive. End every training session on a happy note with praise and petting.



HAVE PATIENCE

Don't have unrealistic expectations. You're much more likely to remain patient if you don't set your sights too high when starting out. Enjoy the training process.

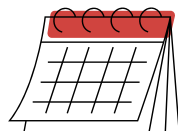


THE RULE OF 3

3 Days
to decompress



3 Weeks
to learn your routine



3 Months
to feel at home

