

## *BRINGING YOUR ADOPTED DOG HOME*

- [ ] Keep dog on leash and in a crate for car ride home.
- [ ] Take a nice long walk outside with your new dog before entering your home.
- [ ] Keep existing pets separated from new dog for at least 24 hours.
- [ ] Introduce your new dog to the inside of the house slowly so to not create overwhelm.
- [ ] After at least 24 hours or more, try to introduce new dog with other family dogs outside of the house in front yard and immediately take both for a walk.
- [ ] Keep the first few days quiet, no special outings or visitors.
- [ ] Create a routine from day one.
- [ ] Research training classes and sign up for one right away.
- [ ] Never leave the new dog alone with your children.
- [ ] Stay calm, be patient, and read about the 3-3-3 rule
- [ ] Make a list of trainers, and research
- [ ] Make an appointment with your vet for within 2 weeks of adoption.
- [ ] Put the number for the Vet and Emergency Vet in plain sight and make sure every family member knows where it is.

ENJOY AND HAVE FUN WITH YOUR NEW BESTIE