

3 DAYS



3 WEEKS



3 MONTHS

Overwhelming for the dog
 Might be scared or shy, bark or whine
 Might try to hide or escape
 Might not eat at all
 Not showing true personality yet
 Needs time to decompress

Your dog is starting to settle in
 Starts to show their true personality
 Starts to learn the routine & rules
 Builds trust with the family
 May start to test some boundaries
 Starts to feel at home, relax, play & enjoy life

Feels at home, understands the rules
 Comfortable with routine
 Bonded with family, integrated
 True personality emerges
 Shows likes, dislikes, skills & training needs
 Loves their people



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Provide a quiet, safe space (crate/dog bed)
 Limit introductions to new people/pets
 Stick to a consistent routine
 Be patient and calm
 Allow the dog to approach you
 If renamed, use new name consistently

Gradually introduce new people, pets & things
 Start basic training with positive reinforcement
 Establish house rules consistently
 Increase exercise, playtime & walk time
 Build trust through gentle interactions

Enroll in obedience classes if needed
 Introduce to more people, pets, environments
 Engage in more challenging activities, games
 Reinforce good behaviors
 Address any lingering behavioral issues
 Love, love, love your new family member

