



# The 3 - 3 - 3 Guide

## The First Three Days



The first few days in your home, your foster dog will need patience and forgiveness. They might be anxious and unsure, have accidents, or not understand the house rules yet.

**We recommend keeping them separated from other pets, taking them for frequent trips outside to relieve themselves, and play gentle music or leave the television on quietly if you're not in the room so they don't feel alone.**

**Don't be alarmed if your foster dog doesn't want to eat or play for the day, or has an upset stomach. These are normal when acclimating to a new place.**

The first few weeks are crucial to setting your foster dog up for success through routine and training.

**If you have resident pets, start introducing them. Cat owners may want to do a scent swap before a physical meeting - give your cat the dog's blanket and the dog your cat's blanket. For the first introduction to your foster dog, a walk together outside is a great neutral meeting place.**

**Your foster dog's personality will start to show. You may see previously learned habits arise, so you'll want to start teaching them appropriate behaviors with positive reinforcement training.**

## The First Three Weeks



## The First Three Months



Over the course of the next three months, you'll start to see your foster dog really shine. They'll get used to their routine, trust your family to keep them safe, and know in their hearts that they are loved.

**The 3-3-3 rule is a general guideline. Every pet is unique and will adjust differently. Give your foster pet space to go at their own pace.**