



Welcome to the Wag On Inn Family! Thank you for choosing to adopt!  
Here are some reminders about your new dog!

**SAFETY:** All newly adopted dogs should be kept on leash at all times when outside of the house (sometimes inside too) until they are familiar with you and will come when called. Even in a fenced yard! Be cautious entering/exiting cars and vehicles as your newly adopted dog may try to slip out. All this change is hard on them.

**MEDICAL:** Pups will arrive a little stinky from transport but if they were just fixed you cannot get the incision wet so you would be doing more of a sponge bath. The date of surgery will be on the medical records. Also, even though they are dewormed, we are seeing lots of tapeworm lately, probably due to the lifecycle of the worm. It may be necessary to deworm several times to fully clear the infection.

**HEARTWORM PREVENTION:** It is very important that you get your dog started on heartworm prevention in a timely manner. The date of the last dose of heartworm preventative will be on their medical records - bring this to your vet and be sure to get a prescription for heartworm prevention - typically Heartgard or Interceptor. Due to the life cycle and prevalence of Heartworm in the south it is imperative to start the preventative soon just in case they were exposed recently from a mosquito bite. Even our heartworm positive dogs who have treatment planned should be maintained on a preventative to keep their infection minimal. Heartworm preventatives kill the larvae stage of the heartworm before they grow into the worm that causes damage. If you see PROHEART on the medical records, that is a new heartworm prevention injection that lasts 6 months so they will not need Heartgard or Interceptor until after the 6 months has passed. If your dog is heartworm positive, you will be sent our heartworm treatment protocol shortly and appointments will be set up for treatment with our vet. If your dog previously tested negative for heartworm, it is recommended that you have your dog re-tested 6-8 months after adoption even if he/she is on a heartworm preventative. Due to the lifecycle of heartworms it is possible to test positive for heartworms even if they tested negative previously.

**MICROCHIPS:** We will take care of registration! You will receive a Welcome e-mail from the Michelson Found Animals Registry within the next few weeks. Feel free to register or modify the microchip information at <https://www.foundanimals.org/microchip-registry/> If you prefer to do so directly.

**MATCH DONATIONS:** Please check with your employer to see if they will match your adoption donation! Wag on Inn Rescue is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. WOI will submit your adoption to PetSmart so that we can receive a donation for every 100 adoptions. PetSmart will mail or email you coupons in return. Please also consider choosing Wag On Inn for your Amazon Smile charity!

Sincerely,  
Wag On Inn Rescue

Questions?  
Medical – Wendy 732-618-4285 or Amanda 732-300-6175  
Heartworm treatment specific – Liza 917-859-8483  
General/fundraising/donations – Michele 732-713-5107  
Training – Lisa 908-770-8496



## The 3 Days, 3 Weeks, 3 Month Rule of Adopting a Rescue Dog

The 3-3-3 rule is a general guideline, every dog is unique and will adjust differently. Give your dog space and allow him to go at his own pace.

### 3D



#### In the first 3 days,

- ☐ Feeling overwhelmed
- ☐ May be scared and unsure of what is going on
- ☐ Not comfortable enough to be "himself"
- ☐ May not want to eat or drink
- ☐ Shut down and want to curl up in his crate or hide under a table
- ☐ Testing the boundaries

### 3W



#### After 3 weeks,

- ☐ Starting to settle in
- ☐ Feeling more comfortable
- ☐ Realizing this could possibly be his forever home
- ☐ Figured out his environment
- ☐ Getting into a routine
- ☐ Lets his guard down and may start showing his true personality
- ☐ Behavior issues may start showing up

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### 3M



#### After 3 months,

- ☐ Finally completely comfortable in his home.
- ☐ Building trust and a true bond
- ☐ Gained a complete sense of security with his new family
- ☐ Set in a routine



## The 3 Days, 3 Weeks, 3 Month Rule

### In the first 3 days,

your new dog will be overwhelmed with his new surroundings. He will not be comfortable enough to be himself. Don't be alarmed if he doesn't want to eat for the first couple of days, many dogs don't eat when they are stressed. He may shut down and want to curl up in his crate or under the table. He may be scared and unsure what is going on. Or he may be the opposite and test you to see what he can get away with, kind of like a teenager.

### After 3 weeks,

he's starting to settle in, feeling more comfortable, and realizing this really may be his forever home. He has figured out his environment and getting into the routine that you have set. He lets his guard down and may start showing his real personality. Behavior issues may start showing, this is your time to be a strong pack leader and show him what is right and wrong.

### After 3 months,

your dog is now completely comfortable in his home. You have built trust and a true bond with your dog, which gives him a complete sense of security with you. He is set in his routine and will come to expect his dinner at his usual time.

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