

Consider a Crate

Many dogs will choose to hide in a closet or under a bed or table - a crate provides a similar experience.

These den-ish enclosures provide security and comfort and ensure everyone approaches from one direction. They also give dogs their own space – an important thing for our canine kiddos.

To make the crate less intimidating, feed your pup in it, while inside toss treats inside or give them a slow-feeder toy or kong. Using a wire crate? Cover half of it with a sheet.

Downtime is not a bad thing

The experience of coming to a new home and meeting new people and animals can be overwhelming.

Let your new pet relax by putting them in a crate or small area to decompress and digest the household routine

pranaDOGS Behavior & Rehabilitation Center, is a not-for-profit canine training facility located just outside of Durango, CO.

We work with Shelters and Rescues to help dogs who need a bit more time and attention than a typical organization can provide.

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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW FAMILY MEMBER!



TIPS TO ENSURE YOUR NEW PET SETTLES IN SUCCESSFULLY

Uh-oh Someone had an Accident



Your new pet has just spent time in a building where they were left inside for more than 10 hours each night, causing many to go potty inside. But most dogs would rather go out, so give your dog a day or two to understand your routine and signals:

For adult dogs who previously lived in a home:

- Be diligent about getting them out every couple of hours while they settle into your routine
- Close off any rooms that aren't used often
- Want it on command? Repeat a word every time they go out (potty, business) or ring bells

For puppies who are learning, a puppy:

- has to be with you, crated or in an area they can go potty in – 24/7!
- has to go to the bathroom every couple of hours, after they play or any naps

If caught in the act, interrupt with a loud voice or stomp your feet and get the dog out immediately
If you don't catch them, let it go and manage better than next time

Nervous Dog?

• Take it slow •

Remember your new pup just came from a very small living environment, an entire house can be big and overwhelming – let them get used to it slowly, one area at a time.

Predictability is one of the best things we can provide a dog

A crate can provide a dog a secure and safe area where they can get used to their new surroundings

If your new pup is scared of one person in the family, have that person hand-feed the dog – and spend a lot of time on the floor with them

Anxious Cat?

Give them some space....and a place to hide – they'll explore on their own, typically when it's dark & quiet

Cats need height; give them areas up high to perch and watch from

Cats need to scratch something that doesn't move when they dig in....like a couch, or a tall, solid scratching post

Cats need attention every day....even a few minutes of play and interaction can change their temperament quickly

Already have a pet?

Be sure to:

- 🐾 Feed separate!
- 🐾 Give current pets lots of attention and TLC (they may not have asked for a brother or sister)
- 🐾 Keep separate when you're not around
- 🐾 Give cats lots of elevated spaces
- 🐾 Don't want litter box issues? 1 cat per box



Separation Anxiety

Many dogs experience different levels of what is often called Separation Anxiety. This fear of being alone or in a strange place can be seen in their actions or their reactions to the environment. A dog with separation anxiety won't eat a treat or bone if you're not there. They will often drool excessively whine, pace, etc

If your new pup is nervous, try

- 🐾 White noise (fan, radio), etc
- 🐾 Slow-feeding treats/food dispensers (to keep busy)
- 🐾 Leave something that smells like you (pj's or socks work great!) in the crate with them