

How to be the Best *Worst* Adopter

A step-by-step guide



Step 1: Immediately after picking up your dog, go straight to a pet store so he can pick out new toys and treats! Introduce him to as many people and other dogs as possible!

Step 2: Host a “Meet My New Dog” party for all of your friends and relatives. Invite their pets, too! Don’t forget the balloons, streamers, music, and of course alcohol to toast the new family member!



Step 3: Previous dog owner? No need to read the handouts from the rescue or shelter! If professional dog training is advised, don’t bother. Since you know it all and dogs are all alike, the techniques you used before are sure to work for this dog!

Step 4: All your dog needs is LOVE, so shower him with affection! Help him feel at home by letting him do what he wants, like jumping on the furniture. No need for guidance, rules, or structure. LOVE is all that matters!



Step 5: Your dog will understand how busy your life is and won’t expect daily walks, especially if it’s chilly or you’re not in the mood. Besides, regular exercise for a dog’s mind and body is just new age hype!

Step 6: Show how you are the alpha of the family. When your dog is eating, don’t forget to take his food. After all, you don’t mind people messing with your dinner!



Step 7: Now that you rescued this dog, he will appreciate you so much! Be sure to show your appreciation in return. Toss the crate if he wants to sleep with you. Share your burger so he’ll love you even more!

Step 8: Have another dog or cat? Be sure to let them be together from the very start. No need for introductions, separate rooms, leashes, or barriers, they’ll figure it out without your help! Don’t forget to give them plenty of treats to share!



Step 9: Check how well the dog will act with your kids. Have them pull his tail and ears, climb over him, and take away the toy he’s playing with. Earn points for good parenting if your kids bother the dog when he’s sleeping!

Step 10: Be sure you know all about canine body language! After each of the nine steps you should see a tucked tail, ears back, whale eye, raised fur, and a show of teeth. Extra credit if your dog bites!

