

# INTRODUCING YOUR NEW **DOG** TO YOUR HOME



*There is a period of adjustment for any new addition to your household. Using these simple tips will help make this transition a smooth one, and life with your new pet great both today and tomorrow.*



## HOURS:

Mon - Fri  
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9AM – 2PM



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# BUILDING A GOOD FOUNDATION

*A well-trained dog is a joy to be around, an untrained do can be very trying. The difference between the two is not inherent to the animal. It comes from training, communication and building good habits, or lack of these factors.*

*Training will benefit both you and your dog, because you will learn how to understand each other better.*



## CRATE TRAINING

*Why does crate training work? Dogs are den animals. A den is a small, enclosed space in which your dog will feel safe, and dogs instinctively avoid soiling their den. Crating will limit access to the home when you cannot watch your pet, which helps build routine habits for your dog.*

*How do I crate train my dog? Make crating a positive experience for your dog. Provide treats and toys and say "kennel up" in a happy tone when crating your dog. Do not worry if your dog whines or cries – he/she will adjust to crating. Never let your dog out while he/she is whining and crying.*

## WHEN TO USE A CRATE?

- *When you cannot watch your dog or for short periods throughout the day*
- *While the dog is sleeping (at least until house trained).*
- *When you are at work.*



*The crate should be large enough to allow your dog to stand up, turn around and lie comfortably on his/her side.*

## INTEGRATION WITH OTHER DOGS

*Introduce animals in stages. When you first bring your new dog home, shut your existing dog(s) in a room. Allow the new dog to explore your house (supervised) then crate him/her. Allow your dog(s) out of the room and let them discover the new dog. Then let the new dog out so they can all get acquainted. Limit time without supervision.*



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