

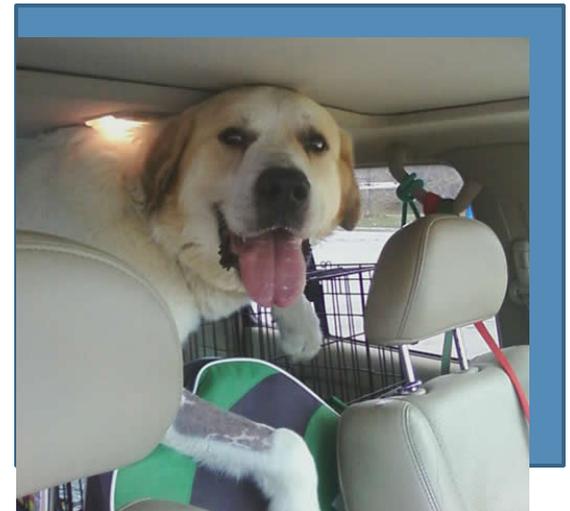
YOUR NEW RESCUE DOG

NGPR's

Quick Start Guide to Success

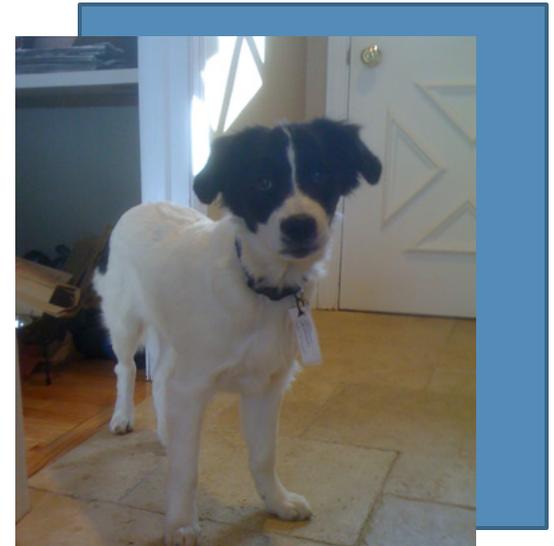
Picking Up the Dog

- Stay calm, avoid rushing
- Take a friend along if possible
- Bring a leash, water, water bowl and some treats to the pickup spot
- Get what you need beforehand
- Don't make unnecessary stops



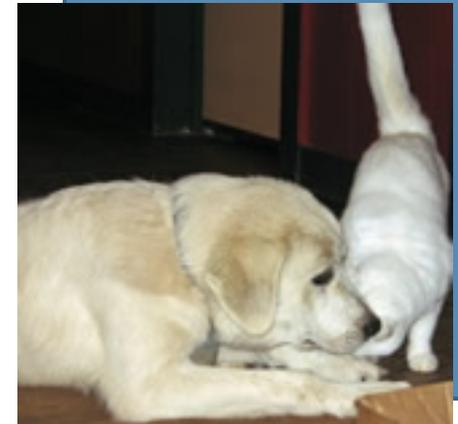
Arriving At Home

- Walk the dog outside until he/she potties
- Introduce dogs in neutral territory—not your home or backyard
- Leave leashes on indoors and outdoors
- Put one person in charge of each dog



Introducing Cats and Dogs

- ❑ Cats should not be out and about the first time the dog enters the home
- ❑ Wait on introductions until the dog is calm and relaxed, give it a couple of days or more
- ❑ Introduce carefully--hard to predict how a dog will react to a cat in a new place
- ❑ You cannot control the cat, so focus on controlling the dog
- ❑ Read *Your New Rescue Dog* p.6 for more instructions



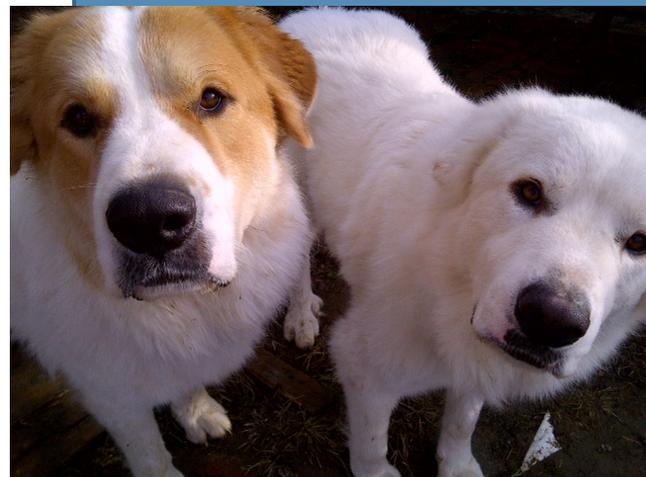
Settling In

- Keep cats and other small animals in another room until a proper introduction can be made
- Give the new dog a separate, quiet place to decompress after the initial introductions and for a few days afterward
- Do not give high-value bones or toys in the first few weeks



Co-Existence With Other Dogs

- Feed in separate areas
- Withhold toys, bones or items the dogs may compete for for several weeks
- Avoid rough housing
- Do not leave dogs unsupervised



Remember

- ❑ Adult dogs still need training
- ❑ Dogs can forget house-breaking during transition to new home
- ❑ Dog may act differently in a new situation
- ❑ Go slow; be patient—you're in it for the long haul
- ❑ Keep reading and learning



Final Tips

- Read/print out the *Your New Rescue Dog* PDF
- When questions or challenges occur, refer to it and/or call your adoption coordinator
- Call us at 877-372-3273 if you need help
- Give the dog three weeks or longer for 'the real dog' to relax and emerge from his shell
- Patience and time will be rewarded
- Thank you for helping the dogs

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