



New Adopter Quick Sheet

Congratulations on your new addition and thank you for adopting your dog from Saving Grace NC! There is lots of useful information in your adoption packet that we strongly encourage you to read, as well as electronic resources that have been sent to your email and are also available on our website:

www.savinggracenc.org.

Below are some quick, think of these things first recommendations.

Food

We recommend feeding high-quality dry dog food which can be purchased at several pet supply stores. When you consider high-quality, you need to check the list of ingredients on the bag and make sure protein is first and there is not a lot of by product. Our dogs have been eating a variety of donated food items and so you will want to give your new pet some time to get used to the new food. If your dog does not eat at first, you may mix in a little canned food to entice them. There are a lot of options out there, feel free to speak with your veterinarian about other options that may interest you.

Crate

We strongly recommend using a crate for the safety of your dog and others in the home. Your new dog has experienced different environments in a short amount of time and will not be familiar with your routine and schedule. The crate is one thing familiar to them which provides a safe, comforting space as they become accustomed to you, your expectations, and their new home. We believe crating

your new dog any time you are not physically able to supervise them is the best and safest approach to acclimation.

Vet Care

Take your adoption packet with you to your vet visit. We highly recommend you call for an appointment within the first 72 hours. It is extremely important to have your new pet seen by a veterinarian to share records, update anything needed and start baseline care. Your pet will require follow-up from spay/neuter, parasite treatment, as well as ongoing care, including monthly preventatives. If your pet experiences any vomiting or diarrhea that lasts more than 24 hours, please take them to the vet. Recommendations are listed in this packet.

Other Pets

If you have other pets, it is best to adhere to their normal routine and work to include your new dog in that schedule. Please, never ever leave your new dog and your current pets alone together until you are certain they have bonded. Expect this will take some time. Consider doing first introductions outside, with someone else around to assist, on neutral territory if possible.

Behavior

Your new dog has been in a shelter environment which is very stressful. It is not uncommon to find they are very tired for the first few days after adoption. It is best to let them settle in for a few days and give them some space, before expecting them to participate fully in busy, daily activities.

Contact

Email is the best way to reach us if you have any follow-up questions, please use Adoptions@savinggracenc.org. If for some reason, you are unable to keep your dog, please refer to the return policy on your adoption contract and reach out to us as soon as possible at the above email to begin the process.

Once again, thank you for choosing to work with us and we wish you the best.

Happy Gotcha Day!

- The Saving Grace Adoptions Team