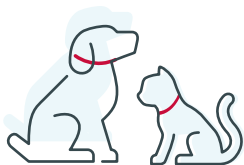


7 tips to help your new pet feel at home



Prep your home

Prepare the items your dog or cat will need in advance (crate, collar, leash, food, bed, toys, etc.)



Plan the arrival

Be strategic if you have another pet at home that requires introducing. Keep your pets separated at first and let them get acquainted with the new smells first. Same goes with kids or other family members.



Establish a routine

Establish a feeding schedule early on. Try to keep feedings to the same schedule on weekends and days off. Not only will a feeding routine help keep your dog or cat healthy – it will also be easier for you to predict necessary bathroom breaks.



Prepare for house-training

With a new dog or puppy it is important to try to keep bathroom breaks consistent. If you always go out at 9 p.m. before bed your dog will begin to anticipate this time. Typically, you should let your dog out after meals, first thing in the morning and once before bed.



Keep it clean

Every cat is different – but across the board it can be agreed that proper litterbox maintenance is at the top of their wish list. A cat's sense of smell is much stronger than a human's – so if you can smell it, imagine how they feel. Make sure you scoop at least once a day!



Training starts at day one

If you want your pet to understand the rules, it's important that you follow them too. Be consistent when training them so they understand expectations right from start.



A healthy pet is a happy pet

Take your pet to your vet within a week or two for a general health check, as well as to get more information on microchipping your pet along with any recommended vaccines.