



THE RULES OF 3

This outline will help you understand how long it generally takes your new mutt to transition into their forever home.

FIRST

3 DAYS

The environment, the people, (maybe animal siblings), and the schedule are all brand new! This can be overwhelming at first, and pets don't always "act like themselves" during this timeframe. Be patient with regards to your new dog's level of comfort, bonding, and potty-training. These things take time and your commitment to support your dog through this transition is key. Don't be alarmed if he doesn't want to eat for the first couple of days, as many dogs, when stressed, won't eat or go to the bathroom much, and/or they will get diarrhea. Expect potty accidents during this time, as the new setting and a lack of a reinforced schedule can throw off even a potty-trained dog.

FIRST

3 WEEKS

Your new dog will settle in and feel more comfortable, having had the opportunity to learn the environment. And he will have begun to recognize patterns, such as when you leave and arrive home from work, and when he can count on you to take him out to go to the bathroom. He'll let his guard down, be more bonded with you, (and animal siblings), and will have vastly improved his potty-training skills.

FIRST

3 MONTHS

Your dog will have blossomed into the dog he actually is! Your new dog will be completely comfortable in his new home, having built trust and love together and a solid schedule he understands and can count on. Predictability is comforting, and it may take several months of repetition for your new dog to feel this way.



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