



DOGS WALK THIS WAY RESCUE

GUIDELINES FOR YOU & YOUR NEW DOG

The Honeymoon period

Often when a rescue dog finds their forever family, it's as if they have always been with you. We call this the honeymoon period. They show few signs of any issues, and indeed you and they may never encounter any problems.

However after a few days / weeks things may change. The dog feels safe and may (for example) display behaviours like over enthusiastic mouthing, or food guarding, people guarding etc. All of these can easily be dealt with appropriately if you contact the Dogs Walk this Way team. We will either guide you or recommend you talk to, or meet with our recommended Dog Behaviourist.

It is imperative you speak to us if there is a problem to ensure it doesn't escalate.

Leads/harnesses and supervision

- I will take my newly adopted dog **directly home without stopping** and will ensure that s/he is secured properly in the car throughout the journey
- I will ensure that my adopted dog is wearing a properly fitted collar with an ID tag at all times
- I will not walk my newly adopted dog for at least 14 days (as advised by Dogs Walk this Way rep)
- For at least 14 days I will only let my newly adopted dog into the garden on a slip-lead
- The adopted dog will be supervised in the garden at all times
- Even in the house, I will keep a trailing slip-lead on my newly adopted dog for at least 7 days
- I will always use a slip-lead when out walking the adopted dog

General

- I will separate my newly adopted dog from other pets (and children) at feeding times
- I will be aware of opening outside doors and windows through which the newly adopted dog may try to escape
- I will be understanding of occasional 'accidents' in the house
- I understand my newly adopted dog may not form a bond with me immediately
- I will do everything in my control to ensure that the newly adopted dog does not escape

I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CONDITIONS SET OUT ABOVE

(Please sign to confirm)

Name: _____ (adopter) Signature _____

Name: _____ (DWTW Rep) Signature _____

Name of dog/s: _____ Date _____