

# TRANSITION STRESS IN A NEW HOME

## WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU BRING HOME A NEW PET!



It's normal for your new dog to pant and/or pace for the first few hours in their new home.

Even if your new dog is already house-trained, a few accidents may happen. They will need to time adjust to your schedule and their new space.

Stress can effect a dog's appetite. Don't panic if your new dog isn't eating dinner on the first night, or breakfast the next day.

If this continues for another 24 hours, you should consult your veterinarian.

### **Do not crowd or overwhelm your new dog.**

Being in a new home is stressful and they need time to adjust. Keep them on leash so that they can explore safely, and let them come to you for attention.



It's normal for your cat to hide during the first few days in their new home.

Your new cat may have accidents in their new home while they get used to the location and smell of their litter box. Help them out by keeping it close by and in plain view.

Stress can effect a cat's appetite. Don't panic if your new cat isn't eating dinner on the first night, or breakfast the next day.

If this continues for another 24 hours, you should consult your veterinarian.

### **Don't give your new cat free access to your entire home right away!**

This can be very overwhelming. Give them a small room of their own, and leave them alone for a couple of hours to settle in. Check back on them later!