

# Adoption Guide



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# Welcome to the Mutts N Such Family!



## Mission Statement

Mutts N Such Rescue is dedicated to providing a lifeline for abandoned, abused, and neglected animals in our community. With unwavering compassion and commitment, we strive to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome dogs and cats, ensuring they find loving, forever homes. We are driven by our belief in the inherent value of every life, working tirelessly to improve the welfare of our four-legged friends and create a more compassionate society. Through education, advocacy, and outreach, we aim to inspire a community united in the mission to protect and care for all animals, ensuring that no tail wags or purrs go unheard.

[Learn more about us on our website and our Facebook page](http://www.muttsnsuch.com)

[www.muttsnsuch.com](http://www.muttsnsuch.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/MuttsNSuch>

# Congratulations on your new pet!

We are so excited that you have chosen to adopt from Mutts N Such Rescue! You have truly made a difference and are helping us to save lives! We are pleased to welcome you to the Mutts N Such family!

We are here for each other and if you need anything in the future, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

## Our Contact Information



**Main Phone Number: 817-725-7023**

**Main Email: [muttsnsuch23@gmail.com](mailto:muttsnsuch23@gmail.com)**

**Facebook: Mutts N Such Rescue**

## Join the Mutts Society!

We love for our adopters to have the chance to keep in touch! Please consider joining our Mutts Society Facebook page. This is a great way to keep connected with us and with other adopters in the Mutts N Such family. You can share updates, ask questions, and even watch littermates grow! We are thrilled to have the opportunity to grow and learn from one another! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/385454787253504/>



# Bringing Home Your New Pet

Your new pet will need time to adjust to their new environment. During the first 3 days, here are a few tips to help make their adjustment as smooth as possible:

- Leave food and water available at all times for the first few days.
  - If you have their current food, mix ½ and ½ to help their tummies transition.
- Give them a quiet, comfortable place to decompress.
  - This allows them to get used to the new smells and sounds of the house.
  - If you have other pets, introduce them slowly and under supervision.
- It is normal for even potty-trained pets to have accidents or mark in the first few days.
  - Take them to where they need to potty often to help them learn where to go.
- Be prepared for some transitional behaviors.
  - Have lots of patience and try to be consistent to help them adjust to the schedule and rules of your home.
- Don't forget to puppy/kitten proof!
  - Give your new pet, especially puppies, lots of toys to chew on and play with!
- Set up a vet appointment to get your new pet established.
  - Your new pet's records are in their folder to let their vet know where they are at in their medical care. You will also receive a digital copy of medical records via Petestablished.
  - If your pet is not spayed or neutered, make sure to consult your vet on when it can be done.

Please remember to follow the NPOG guidelines for puppies that are not fully vaccinated to keep them safe and healthy!

## What is NPOG?

### WHAT IS NPOG? (No Paws On the Ground)

#### No Paws On the Ground (NPOG)

means a puppy is still very vulnerable to Parvo and Distemper, and not fully vaccinated yet.

They need their **4th DHPP** before they are fully vaccinated.

**The puppy cannot be put on any outside or inside surface besides the home of the foster or adopter.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

#### NOT ALLOWED:


- Unfenced Yards
- Sidewalks
- Driveways
- Front Yards
- Public Parks (Dog or People)
- Other Homes/Yards
- Cars w/o being in a kennel
- Vets Offices w/o being in a kennel
- Other dogs that are not in the foster/adopter's home



Please read through the 3-3-3 Guideline below. It gives some common transitional behaviors to expect as your new pet adjusts. For more helpful information on transitioning a rescue dog, you can visit [www.rescuedogs101.com](http://www.rescuedogs101.com).

## The 3 Days, 3 Weeks, 3 Month Rule of Adopting a Rescue Dog




The 3-3-3 rule is a general guideline, every dog is unique and will adjust differently. Give your dog space and allow him to go at his own pace.

3D	3W	3M
		
<p><b>In the first 3 days,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Feeling overwhelmed</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> May be scared and unsure of what is going on</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Not comfortable enough to be "himself"</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> May not want to eat or drink</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Shut down and want to curl up in his crate or hide under a table</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Testing the boundaries</li> </ul>	<p><b>After 3 weeks,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Starting to settle in</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Feeling more comfortable</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Realizing this could possibly be his forever home</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Figured out his environment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Getting into a routine</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lets his guard down and may start showing his true personality</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Behavior issues may start showing up</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">© Rescue Dogs 101</p>	<p><b>After 3 months,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Finally completely comfortable in his home.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Building trust and a true bond</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Gained a complete sense of security with his new family</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Set in a routine</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p><b>Rescue Dogs 101</b> ADOPT LOVE TRAIN</p> </div>

## How long before my new cat settles in?

### Be patient, it Doesn't Happen Overnight

The 3/3/3 rule is a general guideline for the adjustment period of your cat after adoption. Every pet is unique and will adjust differently. Please have patience and allow your new cat time to settle in.

What Your New Cat is Feeling & Doing:		
		
<p><b>3 Days</b> <i>Decompressing</i></p>	<p><b>3 Weeks</b> <i>Acclimating</i></p>	<p><b>3 Months</b> <i>Settling</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feeling distressed</li> <li>• Scared or unsure of the new territory and what's going on</li> <li>• Uneasy about being "himself"</li> <li>• May not feel safe to eat or drink</li> <li>• Shuts down and/or hides</li> <li>• Tests the boundaries (escape)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starts settling in</li> <li>• Feels more at ease</li> <li>• Realizes this could be his home</li> <li>• Figures out his environment</li> <li>• Begins to trust the new routine</li> <li>• Begins to show true personality</li> <li>• Behavior issues may appear</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finally feels completely comfortable in his home</li> <li>• Begins to build trust and a true bond</li> <li>• Gains a complete sense of security with his new family</li> <li>• Settles into the routine</li> </ul>
What Your Can Do to Make Your New Cat Feel More at Home:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confine to sanctuary room</li> <li>• Provide quiet, calm, serene</li> <li>• Create reliable routines</li> <li>• Feed scheduled meals</li> <li>• Give lots of treats and praise</li> <li>• Don't pressure or insist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand areas to explore</li> <li>• Begin introduction to other pets</li> <li>• Positively reinforce good behaviors</li> <li>• Prey play twice a day</li> <li>• Create safe/no petting zones</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give complete access to home</li> <li>• Allow exploring</li> <li>• Maintain reliable routines</li> <li>• Limit change and chaos</li> <li>• Show how much you appreciate your new cat being a part of your family</li> </ul>

# Microchips



**Mutts N Such will register your pets microchip, based on the information in the final contract.**

Pets that are microchipped by Mutts N Such are registered with Petstablished. Pets that came to Mutts N Such already microchipped may be chipped with a different provider. You will receive an email from the microchip provider with further instructions on how to complete the transfer.

Microchips are typically implanted under your pet's skin, between the shoulder blades. When scanned, your owner's contact information becomes available.

You can update your information online so that you can have peace of mind that your pet will always find their way back to you when the unexpected happens.

## Rehoming your pet

**Our goal is that your pet finally gets the forever home that they deserve. We understand that there may be extenuating circumstances that might require your pet to be rehomed. If this happens, we ask that you contact us so that we can ensure your pet is rehomed safely. We will ALWAYS take our pets back, but please be patient as it may take time to organize transport, a new foster, etc. Please do not attempt to rehome your pet yourself or take your pet to a shelter. This can be extremely traumatic for many animals and can have long lasting negative effects.**

**Please note that we are not able to offer refunds, as we are a nonprofit organization, and all funds go immediately back into the pets in our care.**

**If you are struggling, talk to us. We may be able to offer alternatives to help you keep your pet!**

## Remember we are here to help!

Reach out to your new pet's foster or call us at (817) 725-7023 if you have any questions or concerns. It takes time for pets to transition, and every pet is different. Remember to shower your new pet with love and have lots of patience. Before long, they will be settled in and ready to start on their new adventure!

**Thank you again for adopting from Mutts N Such Rescue! We could not do what we do without you! We are excited about your new pet, and you will always be a part of our family! Keep in touch and remember that you are a huge part of our mission to save lives!**

