

Easy Does It

Take it slow when bringing a new dog into your home. Successful introductions can take weeks. Be patient and take things one step at a time. Don't rush things, and start by introducing one dog at a time. Your reward will be a happy, harmonious pack.

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BE PREPARED

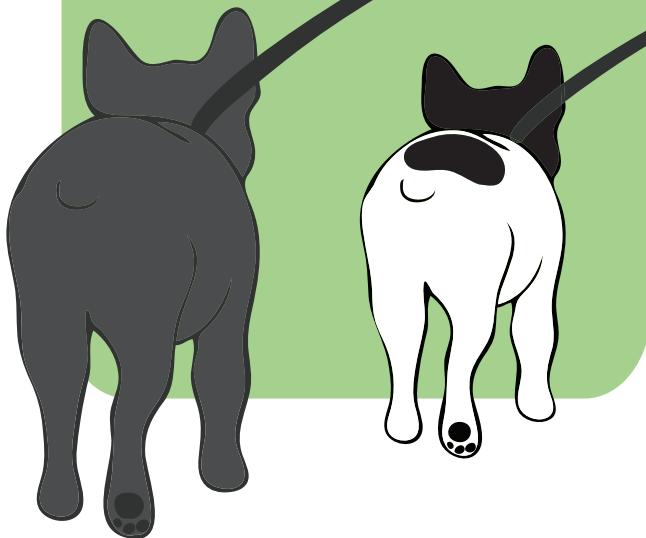
Have a quiet place ready for the newcomer to unwind, away from the resident dogs. Give the dog plenty of time to get familiar with the smells, sounds and daily routine of the new home before you start making introductions.



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START ON NEUTRAL

Always introduce dogs outside of the home. Leash up and start with a walk. Keep dogs moving with no direct contact.



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THE GREETING

If both dogs are relaxed, allow them to greet each other. If there is ANY tension, keep moving. It may take several walks before dogs are ready to interact.



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LEASH UP

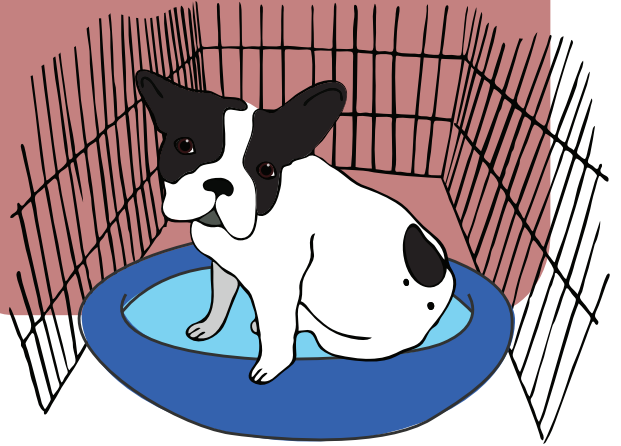
Once your new dog is ready for interaction inside the home, keep a short leash on at all times for the first few weeks. Use the leash as tool to correct unwanted behavior so the dog can learn the rules.



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CRATE FOR SAFETY

Never leave your new dog alone with resident dogs, even for a few minutes. Separate or crate the newcomer when unsupervised. Keeping your dog safe helps build trust.



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INVITATION ONLY

Establish rules and expectations for your new dog by sticking to a policy of affection and treats by invitation only, never by demand.



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MAINTAIN BALANCE

Remember that it can take several months for a dog to feel truly at home. Be patient and stick to a routine that includes exercise, affection and discipline.

