

The Rule of 3-3-3 For Rescue Dogs

It Doesn't Happen Overnight



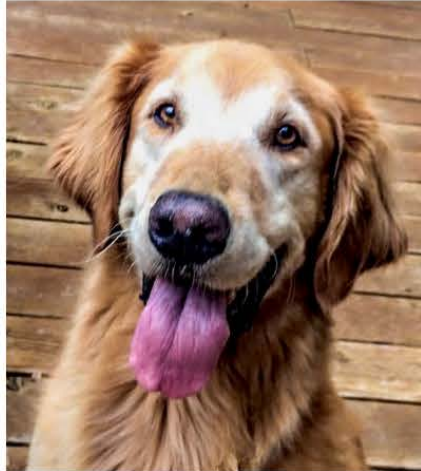
3 DAYS

TO DECOMPRESS

- FEELING OVERWHELMED
- MAY FEEL SCARED/UNSURE OF WHAT IS GOING ON
- NOT COMFORTABLE YET TO BE HIS/HERSELF
- MAY NOT WANT TO EAT OR DRINK
- SHUTS DOWN OR HIDES UNDER FURNITURE
- TESTS THE BOUNDARIES

ADVICE

GIVE THE NEW DOG TIME AND SPACE. HAVE LOTS OF PATIENCE. DON'T GO TO PUBLIC PLACES, INVITE GROUPS OF PEOPLE OR TAKE DOG TO MEET NEW PEOPLE/DOGS. NEVER LEAVE KIDS UNATTENDED WITH THE DOG. DON'T OVERCROWD AND ENSURE THEY HAVE THEIR OWN QUIET SPACE TO DECOMPRESS. PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO BODY LANGUAGE. EVEN A SWEET DOG CAN SNAP.



3 WEEKS

TO LEARN YOUR ROUTINE

- STARTS SETTLING IN
- FEELS MORE COMFORTABLE
- REALIZES THIS COULD BE HIS/HER FOREVER HOME
- FIGURES OUT HIS/HER ENVIRONMENT
- GETS INTO A ROUTINE
- LETS HIS/HER GUARD DOWN
- MAY BEGIN TO SHOW TRUE PERSONALITY
- SOME BEHAVIOR CHALLENGES MAY START TO APPEAR

ADVICE

BE CONSISTENT WITH YOUR ROUTINE. CONTINUE TO ALLOW TIME AND SPACE WITH NEW DOG AND RESIDENT PETS/PEOPLE. SLOWLY INCREASE TIME TOGETHER. CLOSELY MONITOR DOGS WITH TOYS. DECOMPRESSION WALKS AND MENTAL STIMULATION ARE VERY HELPFUL.



3 MONTHS

TO START TO FEEL AT HOME

- FINALLY FEELS COMPLETELY COMFORTABLE IN HIS/HER HOME
- BEGINS TO BUILD TRUST AND A TRUE BOND
- GAINS A COMPLETE SENSE OF SECURITY WITH HIS/HER NEW FAMILY
- SETS INTO A ROUTINE

ADVICE

REMEMBER THIS IS A GUIDELINE AND ALL DOGS ADJUST AT THEIR OWN PACE. SOME DOGS GET THERE SOONER, SOME LATER, BUT NEVER RUSH. CONTINUE YOUR ROUTINES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. TRAINING IS A LIFELONG COMMITMENT AND REMEMBER THAT MENTAL ENRICHMENT SHOULD BE A DAILY PART OF YOUR ROUTINE.

NEVER, EVER MESS WITH A DOG WHILE THEY HAVE RESOURCES; FOOD, TOYS, BOWLS. EVEN A SWEET DOG CAN SNAP. FEED DOGS SEPARATELY AND ALWAYS MONITOR!