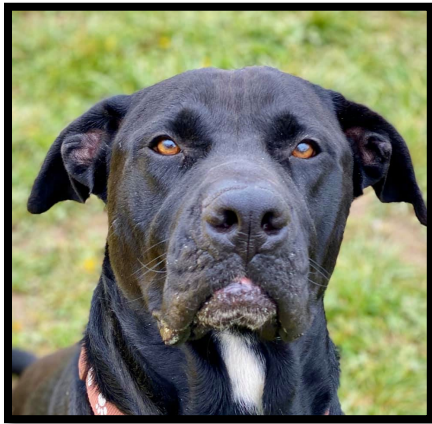


The 3 Days, 3 Weeks, 3 Month Rule of Adopting a Rescue Dog

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

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In the first 3 days

- Feeling overwhelmed
- May be scared and unsure of what is going on
- Not comfortable enough to be "him/herself"
- May not want to eat or drink
- Shut down and want to curl up in his/her crate or hide under table
- Testing the boundaries

3W



After 3 weeks

- Starting to settle in
- Feeling more comfortable
- Realizing this could possibly be his/her forever home
- Figured out the environment
- Getting into a routine
- Will let his/her guard down and may start showing true personality
- Behavior issues may start showing up

3M



After 3 months

- Finally completely comfortable in home
- Building trust and a true bond
- Gained a complete sense of security with his/her new family
- Set in a routine