

NEW DOG OWNER CHECKLIST



Support behavior. Strengthen the bond.

Your guide to raising a happy, well-behaved dog.

A Comfortable Transition Home

✓ Start with a safe space

Set up a quiet area where your dog can rest and feel secure. Let them explore the rest of your home little by little.

✓ Give them time

It's normal for dogs to feel shy or unsettled at first. Allow them to adjust at their own pace.

✓ Introducing to other pets

Supervise as they swap scents, and keep the interactions short and positive.

✓ Use calming tools

ThunderShirt® provides gentle, constant pressure for comfort. ThunderEase® diffusers mimic natural calming pheromones. ThunderBites™ calming chews can offer extra support during stressful times.

✓ Provide enrichment

Puzzle feeders, chew toys, and playtime encourage natural behavior and help prevent boredom.

✓ Use positive reinforcement

Reward calm, confident behavior with treats and praise. Avoid punishment, which can promote fear and slow progress.

How Your Vet Can Help



Decode behaviors

Your vet can determine if your dog's behavior is caused by stress or an underlying medical issue.



Transition guidance

Whether you're introducing new pets or moving homes, your vet can help manage change.



Sustain wellness

Routine visits allow your vet to catch behavior concerns early, from house training challenges to separation concerns.

Every dog is different. If you're ever unsure about your dog's behavior, our veterinary office is here to help. Start building a confident, lasting bond with your dog today.

