



Important Steps for a Happy and Healthy Relationship with your New Pet!



The Ride Home:

- 🐾 When loading your new pet into your vehicle, be sure to leave the leash on. You want to confine them to the area in which you want them to learn to ride.
- 🐾 Whether it is in your cargo area, front or back seat, someone should either sit with them to confine them to that area, or you can knot their leash and close it in the door.
- 🐾 Your pet does not understand roaming around the vehicle is distracting and can interfere with your driving.

Welcoming Your Pet Home:

- 🐾 Before unloading your pet from the vehicle, be sure to have their leash in hand.
- 🐾 Walk them around the yard to give them time to explore and eliminate.
- 🐾 Upon entering the house, be sure to keep them on lead; walk them through the different areas of the home and give them time to smell, observe and listen to the household noises.
- 🐾 Take them outside, through the door they would routinely go out, and walk them in the area they will eliminate in.
- 🐾 It is very beneficial to keep your dog on lead the first few days they are in the home. This will enable you to teach them what they are allowed to put in their mouth, what areas they are allowed in, how to indicate to you that they need to go outside, etc.