



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

### **Safety Outside:**

- 🐾 Never assume that your new pet will “stay around” when you get them home.
- 🐾 Keep them on lead or in a fence area.
- 🐾 Give them time to bond with your family and learn their boundaries outside.
  - Some dogs cannot resist the chance to chase wildlife and can become lost very easily.
  - After several weeks of walking the boundaries of your property you should be able to graduate them to a long-line.
  - If you have an underground fence system, give your dog time to learn the boundaries.
  - Another option would be to use an overhead cable system.
    - This system allows the pet to run or walk back and forth vs. being tied to a tree or stake where they can only move in a circle, which often sets up a barking pattern.

