



The First Hour

Help New Owners Introduce a Puppy to their Adult Dog

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Have you had a puppy returned because the new owner's other pets didn't welcome it? Did they bring it home and do everything wrong? Is there a right way to introduce a new puppy to the house? Absolutely! Here are some handy tips to share with prospective buyers before they take their puppy home.

1. **First Critical Hour.** Watch this video to find out why your new owners want to plan ahead for the very first hour after the new pup arrives at home to meet their existing pet.



2. **Scent.** If possible, introduce something with your new puppy's scent before presenting the puppy himself. Then be sure to let both dogs sniff each other's bottoms as long as they desire, while holding the puppy for safety.

3. **Attention.** Don't give more attention to the new puppy, inciting jealousy on the part of the senior dog. If you focus on the older pet, they will become your helper in raising up the new pup.
4. **Personality.** If the dog already in the home is laid back and sweet, send a laid back puppy, not a ball of fire. Send a female puppy if the home already has an adult male, and vice versa.
5. **Size.** Try not to send a puppy that is larger or more energetic than the dog already in the home.
6. **Older Pets.** If the pet already in the home is an older cat, get a dog. Introducing a kitten to an adult cat can be problematic. Introduce the puppy gradually, with baby gates, etc. Same with introducing a new kitten to an adult dog in the home.
7. **My Stuff.** Each pet should have their own bed, own food and water dishes, own toys, etc. The new puppy will trust you more if they have a safe place to get away from the larger pet. If the dogs want to share, let it be their idea.

Another helpful [video](#), from OnlineDogCoach.info

Share these pointers or this email with your new puppy owners and every placement will be a success!