### **VETERINARY CARE:**

**Initial vet check-up:** Schedule a comprehensive exam to assess your dog's health.

**Vaccinations:** Ensure your dog is up-to-date on vaccinations.

**Spaying or neutering:** Consult your vet about the appropriate time for this procedure.

**Regular check-ups:** Schedule routine vet visits for ongoing care.

# SOCIALISATION AND EXERCISE:

**Gradual socialisation:** Introduce your dog to new people, animals, and environments slowly.

**Positive experiences:** Make social interactions enjoyable to build positive associations.

**Regular exercise:** Daily walks and playtime help your dog stay physically and mentally healthy.



REMEMBER, EVERY RESCUE DOG IS UNIQUE. BY PROVIDING LOVE, PATIENCE, AND UNDERSTANDING, YOU CAN HELP YOUR NEW FURRY FRIEND THRIVE IN THEIR FOREVER HOME.

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A Guide for New Rescue Dog Guardians



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**RESCUE DOG:** 

**Patience is key:** Rescue dogs may have experienced trauma or neglect, so be patient as they adjust to their new home.

**Observe their behaviour:** Pay attention to their body language and cues to understand their needs and concerns.

**Consult with the rescue:** They can provide valuable insights into your dog's history and temperament.

# **CREATING A SAFE AND LOVING ENVIRONMENT:**

**Secure your home:** Remove any potential hazards like toxic plants or small objects.

**Establish a routine:** Consistent routines can help reduce anxiety and provide a sense of security.

**Provide a quiet space:** A designated safe space can help your dog relax and de-stress.

### **BUILDING TRUST AND BOND:**

**Positive reinforcement:** Use treats, praise, and gentle touch to reward good behaviour.

**Avoid punishment:** Negative reinforcement can damage trust and increase fear.

**Spend quality time:** Daily interaction, such as walks, playtime, and cuddling, strengthens your bond.

### ADDRESSING BEHAVIOURAL ISSUES:

**Consult a professional dog trainer:** A qualified trainer can provide guidance and behaviour modification techniques.

**Be patient and consistent:** It may take time to address behavioural issues.

**Avoid frustration:** Stay calm and patient, even during challenging moments.