

CONGRATULATIONS

*YOUR NEW COMPANION
AWAITS!*

USEFUL TIPS TO TAKE AWAY

DIET

New owners should continue to feed their dog with the food currently used by the Centre for at least a week before changing to a different diet, if preferred. During which time the new diet should be introduced slowly by mixing the old and new feed, gradually increasing the amount of new food. This should prevent any digestion problems and stomach upsets. Make sure your dog has access to clean water, which should be changed daily.

FLEAS & WORMS

Your dog has been treated with a flea control product and has been wormed whilst in our care. Please refer to your Medical History form for details.

Dogs need to be flea treated and wormed regularly throughout the year. The life cycle of the worms is quite complex and is linked to that of the flea. Please seek advice from your vet on the best regime to protect your dog against fleas and worms.

VACCINATIONS

Your dog, in the majority of cases, has been fully vaccinated, which provides protection against canine distemper, canine parvovirus, infectious canine hepatitis and leptospira. However, if your dog has only been given its first vaccination, an appointment has been made with St. Giles Animal Centre to have its' second vaccination, please refer to your Adoption form for details. This must be given so that your dog is fully protected against these diseases, if this is not done it could lead to your dog getting serious and possibly fatal diseases. All dogs should then receive an annual booster to maintain protection. Please contact your own vet for further details.

NEUTERING

Your dog has most likely already been neutered, however, if it has not been neutered for any reason, you will be required to sign and adhere to the date it must be neutered in order to prevent reproduction as well as potential fatal conditions such as cancer, occurring. This will also prevent bitches coming into season, and control hormones in male dogs which will stop them wandering off after bitches and disappearing for days. Neutering will also help control the ever-increasing number of unwanted litters, consequently reducing the number of dogs having to be destroyed due to over population.



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MICROCHIP

This is a form of identification, which is inserted under the skin of your dog. The Centre will register the microchip with your details as the new owner. The microchip has its' own number, which is read using a special scanner. The pet and owners' details are logged onto a computer database. By scanning dogs at a veterinary surgery, stray dog pound or other animal centres, the owner can be traced, and a lost or injured dog can be reunited with its' owners.

PET INSURANCE

We provide 4 weeks free pet insurance for your dog (through Pet Plan), during which time the company will contact you to see whether you wish to continue with the cover. It is advisable to insure your dog against any unexpected costs that may be incurred.

SOCIALISATION

Allow your dog to settle in and adjust to its' new surroundings, during the first few days don't allow your dog to be over handled by new people or children. We advise that dogs should not go out on public areas until they are fully vaccinated. However, they do need to experience as many new objects, situations and people as possible prior to this 'safe' time. Dogs with limited experience of the outside world are much more likely to become fearful and/or aggressive as a result of this in later life. Consequently, resulting in the increase of dogs that are returned to Animal Centres, as well as the possible destruction of a dog due to the impossibility of it being rehomed. Once vaccinated every effort should be made to socialise your dog both indoors and outdoors with as many trustworthy dogs as possible.

FUTURE SUPPORT

We do hope there will be no major difficulties with your new dog, but please remember we cannot predict exactly how things will work out. Please do not hesitate to contact the Centre on **01823 490333** if there are any problems.

