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I was a dog trainer for Petco from 2003-2011. I returned to the Mt. Washington Valley at that time and have been working at Karla's Pet Rendezvous as a trainer since October of 2011. After my apprenticeship was completed in 2002, and I graduated from Animal Behavior and Training Association (ABTA), I was offered a dog training position at Petco. Throughout my career with Petco, I trained at their Concord, Manchester, Amherst, Portsmouth and Nashua stores. Manchester was my "home" store and I helped when a trainer was needed in the other locations. I was also a mentor trainer, working with apprentices for the hands-on part of their training.

I have volunteered at both the Animal Rescue League of NH (Bedford) and the Conway Area Humane Society (Conway). One of the jobs I loved and still love the most is working with apprentice trainers from Animal Behavior College (ABC). Part of their studies is an externship and many of them choose to do that at a shelter where they can get their hands on a lot of different dogs. Since 2003, I have worked with over 50 apprentice trainers for their externships.

In the past I have had a German Shepard/Collie mix, Smokey and Dalmatians as my personal dogs. Both of my Dalmatians were 13 years old when they crossed the Rainbow Bridge and I still miss them. Buddy, my first Dal was born deaf and he was trained with hand signals. He is the reason I became a dog trainer and was my mentor in the dog training world.

Jezebel, my second Dal, was opposite in every way from Buddy, but she too taught me many things, not the least of which was patience and a greater appreciation for the challenges my students face. With both of my Dals, I did Canine Musical Freestyle. I love to dance and I love my dogs, so it was a natural fit.

In 2013 I went to a seminar for Diabetes Alert Dogs. I became fascinated with our dog's capacity to smell and intuit things that are beyond what we can imagine. I was looking for a puppy to train, and as luck would have it, Karla had a litter of Poodles ready to go home. McGee came into my life at that point and we started our Service Dog training. He did not make it as a Service Dog, though as he really doesn't want to work, he just likes to greet people and interact with them. I changed directions with him and he does Therapy work now.

The last addition to my dog family was a foster for Karla, Lilly, a Goldendoodle, who is the next generation in Karla's breeding program. Lilly has since gone to live with her forever family.

I have been a certified AKC Canine Good Citizen evaluator since 2004 and a member of the International Association of Canine Professionals (IACP) since 2002. Through the IACP I have attended many seminars to continue learning all I can to be a better trainer. As a life long student, I am always looking for new ways to increase my knowledge.

NEW DOG - NEW HOME WHAT TO EXPECT FROM YOUR NEW FAMILY MEMBER

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW RENDEZ-DOODLE OR POODLE!

The puppies are extremely routine oriented, therefore we have provided for you your new puppy's previous schedule in order that you may duplicate what you are able to, and slowly reorient him to your schedule without too much fuss.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE HOME

Your puppy will be excited, and most likely a little anxious, about his/her new home. This stress can take the form of panting and pacing; housebreaking accidents, excessive chewing, and/or gastric upset in the form of vomiting and diarrhea or loose stools. You should consult the written evaluation or information you received to determine how to help with these issues. Don't worry if your puppy suddenly seems a little "homesick" or nervous. He is not sure what is going to happen to him next. He feels like a guest in your home—is he allowed on the furniture? How should he tell you he needs to go out (and which door)? It is very confusing for him in the beginning.

When you bring your new puppy home, be prepared to walk him outside for at least 10-15 minutes or until he relieves himself. (leash or fenced in yard) Let him get the "lay of the land" by sniffing and becoming acquainted with all the smells associated with your yard.

The combination of the car ride home, coupled with all the excitement of a new family and home will cause him to have to relieve himself more often. So give him plenty of opportunities in the beginning. If you have a special place in your yard you wish him to use for urination and elimination, encourage him to go in that area (and praise him warmly when he does.)

Read about "Ring the Bell" by Dee Ganley and Nancy Lyon to help in housetraining your new puppy. It's easy and fun to teach.

Also included is another article by Dee Ganley "Making Introductions to Other 2 and 4 Legged Family Members".

For the adoption to work, everyone must be in agreement including your other dogs. Puppies that are going to homes with feline family members must be supervised for a few weeks to make sure they become friends and not enemies.

If you have another dog(s) in your home, you are bringing a puppy into your current dog's home. He may not be comfortable with this initially and make his displeasure known in a number of ways, including excessive marking; spiteful housebreaking accidents; and the sudden attachment to toys he used to not care about (but doesn't want the new dog to have.)

In a nutshell, he is simply jealous and a little insecure about his place in your family's pack. He will need reassurance during this time, but should not be permitted to misbehave or treat your new puppy poorly. While it may be hard on you to watch one or both dogs being insecure during this transition period, don't be tempted to spoil either dog or otherwise encourage bad habits you will later have to break.

Since you are bringing your new dog home to meet the rest of your canine and feline pack members for the first time, be sure that your pets are in a secure place and unable to escape when the new puppy arrives. Meeting outside (preferably in a fenced yard) can be less threatening for canine introductions. Introduce each dog one at a time. Do not force a confrontation, and make sure all dogs are leashed (with secure Buckle collars or Gentle Leaders for better control during the intros). If there is any sign of hostility, remind the dog saying in a firm tone "Be Nice".

Keep the pressure OFF the leash. You must be matter of fact, not worried. YOU are in control and are aware of their body language and thoughts. Don't be concerned if they don't warm up to each other immediately. Give encouragement for good behavior. ("Gooood be nice") The more socialized your dog and new puppy are, the less time it will take for them to make friends (your puppy is socialized with other pups, people and other dogs, but not yours)

As hard as it may be, try not to be nervous yourself, or you will telegraph it to the dogs. Your dog may feel you are in need of being defended from the new dog or even visa versa. As each dog becomes comfortable with the other, you can drop the leashes (if in a fenced environment). However, with the leashes still on, dragging...you can more easily grab one and make a "point" if needed quickly.

As the dogs come inside, you may find this tighter, more personal space will cause a squabble or two, so you may still want to leave the leashes on for quick control if needed. You may also want to put all toys (and especially all treats, like rawhides, etc.) away until everyone is comfortable.

This may take a few days or weeks depending on your two dogs. If you are having a really bad time please call and talk with Wendy by calling **603-447-3435** or emailing trainer_kpr@yahoo.com.

You will need a more controlled environment to introduce your new puppy to a new feline friend. Keep your puppy on leash and have him meet the cat where she cannot run away and hide. Say "yes" and give a yummy treat for polite behavior towards the cat. Look for any neutral greeting behavior not for alert forward body language. (You may need to hold or even leash your cat during these introductions.) If you have a crate put the dog or cat into this and let them meet quietly, give food treats for quietness and calmness.

Being a puppy, he will most likely only want to chase the cat if it runs, but occasionally, a stronger prey drive may make the puppy more cat aggressive. Again, speak to your dog to go easy and to be nice and don't unleash him around your cat until you feel comfortable with their interaction.

Chances are once the cat can leave your "meeting room", you will not see it for several days or even weeks until it is ready to accept your new puppy! It may also take a liking to sleeping on tall tables and perches until it feels comfortable around him. Be prepared for there to be some spiteful litterbox accidents, as cats can be even more routine oriented and angry when their world is changed. You may need to also rethink how you feed your cat, so that your new puppy will not get into its food.

Hopefully, all family members participated in the selection of your newly adopted puppy and those introductions have already been done. But, you may have friends and neighbors anxious to come over and meet him. Don't forget that he is already nervous and too many people reaching out to touch him or crowding around him, might panic him a bit. It is not unusual for kids to get bitten or nipped if they rush up screaming at the dog and try to pet him roughly. He has no idea what these intentions are and has not yet become relaxed in his new environment.

You may want to put off introductions to outside people until the next few days till after he has had a chance to settle in. Teach your children and any others that will come into contact with your new puppy how to properly behave around the puppy, and never allow them to mistreat or harass the puppy. It is also wise to not let young or inexperienced kids be unsupervised around your new puppy (or any dog).

New human introductions should also be one at a time; preferably with your puppy on leash for extra control should it be needed. Let the puppy take the initiative to greet the new person. He may want to sniff the person first, before any petting is done.

Also be prepared, he might try to jump up on the new person. Just ask that person to step into the puppy until the puppy can sit. (This is a shuffle into your puppy's space, not a shove or harsh movement – see "Yielding") If the dog tries

to jump up again repeat until he can sit nicely .(have treat ready for nice sit have friend give treat.)

Take your cues from your new puppy—how comfortable does he appear with all of this extra attention? Many dogs are real hams and love to be engulfed by people and attention. For them, the more the merrier with new people. Others may be a bit more overwhelmed with their new situation.

Common sense should rule the day. We also strongly recommend you become familiar with your puppy's behavior and why dogs do what they do. There are many fine books that will explain and clarify what seems to humans as strange canine behavior.

The more you can understand your dog from a canine perspective, the easier it will be to modify behaviors and integrate him into your Human-dog pack

FEEDING TIME

Because of your new puppy's nerves and excitement, it is best to withhold food and water for the first 12 hours (or until he begins to relax). If it is a hot day or your Dog is extremely thirsty, it is better to offer a few cracked/chipped ice cubes. (Nervous dogs have a tendency to drink too much water too quickly, taking in too much air and causing them to throw it back up almost immediately.) Karla has included a feeding schedule what he has been eating. Eventually you can buy that food or gradually feed what ever you feel is best.

We recommend three feedings (morning, noon and evening) of moist food. Most likely your new puppy will be so overwhelmed with his new home, he may not be interested in eating at all the first day. Still, put the food bowl on the floor where you wish him to eat and leave it there for a few minutes. At the end of that time, remove the bowl and any uneaten food.

Do not offer moist food again until the next scheduled feeding time. (We often times put a dry feeding into a Buster Cube for the dog to entertain himself for a while) This teaches your puppy when and where mealtime occurs, and that he is expected to eat at this time. **If you would like to leave dry kibble out, all the time, just be aware of when he is eating, and get him out within 15 minutes of each feeding. We have noticed that some dogs tend to "gorge" or develop overeating behaviors when food is not readily available to them.

Your other dogs should be fed away from the new puppy to prevent fights over food.