

10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

WHEN YOU BRING HOME YOUR NEW FAMILY MEMBER

1. Before bringing Rover into your home, give him an opportunity to pee OUTSIDE.
2. For the first two weeks, give Rover a break. Let him get to know you, your immediate family and your routine. Treat him like a guest. No over the top obedience training or big excursions outside the home including introductions to all the people you want him to meet. No trips to the pet store or other places. These places, right now, may be exciting for you but could be very scary for him.
3. Hit the ground running with housetraining.
4. At first, consider keeping a leash on Rover even when in the house and you are home. A new unsure dog can quickly dart out an outside door when you open the door to a visitor. A leash on him will make him easier to catch.
5. Whether sleeping in his crate, dog bed or your bed, make sure Rover is in your room at night. Dogs bond to their family even while all are sleeping.
6. Buy excellent quality dog food. It is not available at your grocery store. (and he deserves it!)
7. Always supervise Rover outside. He is curious and can easily get himself into fixes. If you have a fenced yard, be sure to walk the fence periodically to check for escape routes.
8. Within two weeks, bring Rover to the vet for a wellness check.
9. Don't forget Rover's heartworm meds. It's a horrible disease and so easy to avoid. (Mine get the monthly version and I like the 1st of the month as I can remember that!)
10. Be kind and patient! Remember this is all new to Rover too!

OK, TWO MORE THINGS

1. Don't forget to join the Carolina Poodle Rescue Family & Friends Facebook page. It's a great community to help you find answers and a terrific way to "show off" Rover!
2. If you ever have any questions or concerns, Carolina Poodle Rescue is there for you. Simply give us a call at 864-489-3559. If no one answers, leave a message and someone will get back to you.