

Bringing Home Your Rescue Pet

Family Matters

Choosing to adopt a rescue pet is one of the most rewarding decisions you can make. You're not just giving an animal a home—you're giving them a second chance. Whether they've experienced neglect, abandonment or simply had an unfortunate start in life, your kindness has the power to change their future forever.

At Amity, we believe every pet deserves a loving family and every guardian deserves the knowledge and confidence to help their pet thrive. That's why our purpose is simple: **Empower You Through Education.**

Be Patient

The first few days, weeks and even months can be an emotional rollercoaster. Some rescue pets settle in immediately, while others may be nervous, withdrawn or unsure of their new surroundings.

Remember, everything is new to them—the sights, sounds, smells and people. Allow them time to adjust at their own pace. Don't expect trust overnight; allow it to grow naturally through kindness, consistency and positive experiences.

Create a Safe Space

Every rescue pet benefits from having a quiet place they can retreat to when they feel overwhelmed. Whether it's a cosy bed, a crate or a quiet room, giving them a safe haven helps build confidence and reduces anxiety.

Let them come to you rather than forcing interactions. As trust develops, so will your bond.

Establish a Routine

Pets thrive on predictability. Feeding, walks, toilet breaks and bedtime at similar times each day help your new companion understand what to expect and create a sense of security.

Simple routines reduce stress and make settling into family life much easier.

Look After Their Health

Arrange a veterinary health check soon after bringing your rescue pet home. Even if they've recently been examined, it's an opportunity to discuss vaccinations, parasite prevention, neutering, nutrition, behaviour and any ongoing medical conditions.

Good insurance is also one of the greatest gifts you can give your new family member. It provides peace of mind and ensures that future healthcare decisions are based on what's best for your pet, not simply what they cost.

Celebrate Small Victories

Your rescue pet may not wag their tail on day one or curl up on your lap during the first week. Progress often comes in tiny moments—a relaxed posture, a playful bounce, accepting a treat or finally falling asleep peacefully.

These small victories deserve celebrating because they are signs that trust is growing.

A Relationship Built on Trust

Rescue pets have an incredible capacity to love, but the greatest gift you can give them isn't toys or treats—it's patience. By providing a safe home, gentle guidance and understanding, you're helping them discover that the world can be a kind place again.

You're not simply adopting a pet.

You're welcoming a new member into your family and beginning a journey that could last the next 10 to 20 years.

Because at Amity...

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If you need more information, book an appointment with an Amity vet. We're here to Empower You Through Education and help you become your pet's greatest advocate.