



# TIPS AND TRICKS FOR NEW PET OWNERS

Congratulations on your newly adopted family member! Please read the following tips and instructions to ensure a happy and healthy transition for your new pet.



## Slowly introduce your pet to their new home, family members and other pets.

- New cats should be kept in one room/area and new dogs should always be supervised and/or on a leash (even in fenced yards) until they are familiar with you and their new surroundings.
- Limit large groups of visitors at first and always supervise interactions with children and existing pets.
- Follow the shelter's instructions on introducing a new pet to your existing pets. New cats should be kept separate for two weeks. Introduce a new dog to your existing dog in a neutral territory.



## Keep your new pet healthy. Start by scheduling a vet visit.

- Moving to a new home is very exciting, but it can also be stressful for your pet. Stress often triggers illness and new pets should be monitored closely for any symptoms (excessive sneezing, coughing, and discharge in eyes or nose). Take your pet to see a vet if you suspect they are ill.
- VCA Animal Hospital offers a complimentary health exam and up to \$250 worth of treatment for common post-adoption issues to all FAMD adopters. Please see the attached Healthy Start Certificate for details. Offer expires 14 days after adoption date.
- PetFirst Insurance offers a free 30-day insurance plan with your adoption. To activate this free trial, you must call PetFirst. See the attached PetFirst brochure for more information.
- FAMD cannot guarantee the health of any animal and cannot be financially responsible for medical care or other expenses after the animal has been adopted.



## We're always here to help.

- See the attached information to learn pet behavior tips and how to sign up for Maddie's Pet Assistant, a free mobile app that sends helpful tips, answers questions and more!
- See the attached information on other FAMD services and recommended veterinarians.
- In the event that you are no longer able to care for your adopted pet, you may return them to the shelter. Animals cannot be returned to any of our offsite locations or pet store partners.

Keep in touch! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, and sign up for our E-News at [MetroDetroitAnimals.org/Subscribe](https://MetroDetroitAnimals.org/Subscribe). Send us a "happy tail" of you and your new pet on our social media pages or on [metrodetroitanimals.org/adopt-a-pet/happy-tails](https://metrodetroitanimals.org/adopt-a-pet/happy-tails)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your new pet's medical history, health or behavior, please contact Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit. 313-943-2697