

VBSPCA

LASTING ADOPTIONS KEEPING PETS IN HOMES

Being a pet parent requires dedication, patience and love.
Use the following tips to set you and your pet up for a successful life together.

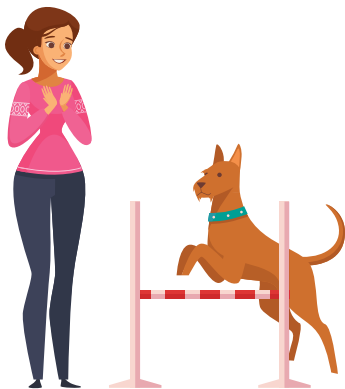


BASIC NEEDS

Make sure all of your pet's needs are met.

- 1) Sleep
- 2) Food & Water
- 3) Potty Breaks
- 4) Mental Stimulation
- 5) Exercise
- 6) Human Attention

If all of these needs are being met and your animal is still struggling, speak with your vet about other options or seek out professional training to work on desensitization.



ENRICHMENT

Beat your pet's boredom with enrichment activities.

- 1) Training Exercises
- 2) Puzzle Feeders
- 3) Treats
- 4) Licki Mats
- 5) Dog Chew Toys or Kong Wobbles
- 6) Cat Crinkle Balls

Enrichment can help with issues such as destructive behavior. If there are no underlying issues and your pet is properly trained, providing enrichment is a great way to avoid unwanted behavior.



SOCIALIZATION

Prep your pet for positive experiences with people and pets.

- 1) Establish A Routine
- 2) Move Slowly
- 3) Be Patient
- 4) Stay Calm
- 5) One Person Or Pet At A Time
- 6) Allow Them To Sniff Around

Unfamiliar spaces can be scary for pets, which might make them reactive. Being patient can avoid problems and get your pet settled in more quickly. A pet that is stressed is not in the right head-space to be a great companion.

It is the goal of the VBSPCA to provide the right tools and resources to make all adoptions lasting adoptions. Visit vbspca.com/lasting-adoptions for additional guidance.