



The Turks & Caicos Islands
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW FAMILY MEMBER!

Going to a new home can be very stressful experience for your new pet. Here's how you can minimize anxiety:

DO'S AND DONT'S FOR NEW PET FAMILIES

- Do give your new pet plenty of love and attention.
- Do bring your new pet to the vet within the first week.
- Don't forget that all pets require annual vet visits to ensure uninterrupted protection from a variety of diseases and overall good health.
- Don't ever allow pets and young children to be together unsupervised. Accidents happen very quickly, and even the gentlest of animals can bite when provoked.
- Don't ignore your other pets. In order to avoid jealousy, they should be receiving attention now more than ever before.
- Don't expect love at first sight if you already have pets at home. Love and respect take time to develop. Introduce your new pet slowly and gradually to other pets.
- Do keep your pets diet as consistent as possible, and make changes gradually.
- Do not give your pets dairy products. Milk and other dairy goods tend to give them diarrhea. Do limit the amount of canned food your new pet receives. Both dogs and cats obtain their nutritional requirements from most brand dry foods.
- Feed your pet on a schedule, but always provide access to fresh water
- Don't expect your new pet to train himself. What you put into your pet is what you'll get out! Dogs need rules to follow and consistency at all times.
- Do train your cat as well. Plant misters filled with water and loud noises send clear messages. Cats need to scratch so give them something they are allowed to scratch placed near whatever she likes to scratch.
- Do keep your new cat or kitten confined to a small area for the first several days. This will help him find his litter box, keep him separated from other pets until he has seen a vet, and allow pets to get acquainted without direct contact.