

# DO YOU BELIEVE THE DOG YOU JUST GOT... IS THE DOG YOU ARE GOING TO GET!

💡 When a dog or a puppy goes into a new home it could be one of the most stressful experiences of their entire life! They don't know you or the environment. How you handle the first few weeks can be detrimental to the relationship you have with your dog and the dog's relationship with the rest of the world.

✅ Days 1 - 3 -The adjustment period: The adjustment period lasts on an average 3 to 4 days. This is the time your dog needs to decompress. Give your dog space, routine, and allow your dog to learn about you. Just because things are going good or bad do not make a judgment that this is the dog you will have. It's very rare for even humans to show everything on the first day of a new job.

✅ Days 10-14 -The honeymoon period: Up to days 10 to 14 is often when we feel things are great! Your dog is slowly getting comfortable and starting to fall in love with the entire family! We often fail to realize what's happening. Your dog is slowly judging you on your status, claiming territory, identifying threats, learning rules (Whether you're enforcing them or not). Once your dog is settled, comfortable by day 10 - 14 your new dog will test you!

✅ It's takes 21 days for a human to build a habit. It's not much different with a dog. After 21 days your dog has decided how life is going to be. I promise you these behaviors will look very different than what you saw the first three days. Whatever behaviors you will be seeing will likely grow and blossom depending on the direction that you took. This could mean your dog becoming more confident and calmer or a completely different direction

👉 Plan for the dog you want rather the have unrealistic expectations for the dog you have