



New Home Checklist and Lost Dog Prevention

NEW HOME LOST DOG PREVENTION

ALL rescue dogs are flight risks. Dogs from the South Korean dog meat trade are in the HIGHEST flight risk category. We do not want you to ever feel what it's like to lose one of these dogs. And we don't want any dog to miss out on their chance at their BEST life!

Your dog will let you know what it needs from you during this time of transition. They've never lived in a home and will need your love, patience, and consistency. Your dog may be more outgoing and adapt right away. It may have more trauma and will need more time to work through its fears. But they are smart, and they will learn. Your patience and love will be the key to opening the door for them to be the dog they were always meant to be.

At the Airport:

- Your dog should NOT be let out of the crate at the airport or let out to pee outside the airport. I have seen a dog from this group frantically chew through leashes with razor sharp teeth and it happens quickly! The airport is NOT the place to test this the first time. Keep your dog secured in a closed crate until you are home and INSIDE in a protected area.

At Home:

- At home you should have a **quiet, interior room** (bedroom, bathroom even) prepared for your new dog. Open the crate where the dog can't get too far out of your reach and you can get a collar on. Keep the crate and a dog bed there as a safe place for your dog to decompress. Lay large pee pads down as the dog may not be ready to go outside right away.
- Your dog will be **stinky**, and may have peed and pooped in the crate during the trip. If you can handle the dog and get it bathed, you and the dog will feel much better.
- ALWAYS HAVE **ID TAGS ON YOUR DOG** - tags must be on a separate collar from the walking collar. Keep ID tags on inside the house and take all precautions to prevent your dog from being accidentally let out of the house. Put up a **barrier between your dog and any doors** where people may be coming and going.

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- Your dog **may not eat, pee or poop** for 1-3 days due to stress. Keep water available and feed on a schedule to establish a consistent routine that your dog will learn to expect. You might want to hand feed your dog to help bond and establish trust.
- Let your dog drag a leash in the house while acclimating and exploring so you can control the situation and prevent them from running away from you.
- Your dog should be **introduced to other household pets** in a controlled manner. Be prepared with barriers to keep them separated if necessary. Don't expect immediate compatibility, but don't think it's an impossible situation either. Most DMT dogs express their trauma with fear, not aggression. And they usually find great comfort in other dogs and will become a bonded pack, some just need more time to figure it out.
- Get your dog **MICROCHIPPED** so that if he gets lost and is found, your dog can be scanned and you will be contacted. Microchip does NOT act as a GPS. It can be scanned by animal control or a vet and it will give them your contact info. Keep your microchip registration up to date, especially if you move or change phone numbers.

Walking Your dog:

- Your dog should have a **SNUG FITTING HARNESS** and a **MARTINGALE collar** double leashed.
[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martingale_\(collar\)](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martingale_(collar)).



- **DOUBLE LEASH AT ALL TIMES** with your hand through the loop and a **FIRM GRIP** on the leashes. Missing Dogs Massachusetts works on lost dog recovery and they report that a dropped leash is the #1 reason dogs are lost. www.missingdogsmass.com

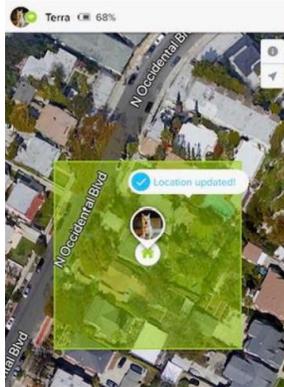


The **RUFFWEAR** Webmaster harness is an excellent harness. When fitted properly it is nearly escape proof.
<https://ruffwear.com>

- Make sure you have a **GOOD QUALITY LEASH** with a strong clasp that won't disengage should your dog struggle or shake. **NO retractable leashes EVER**. These are hard to control, easy to drop, and will spook a dog into running.
- First time outside should be in a **quiet fenced-in area** such as a backyard if possible. When in fenced-in areas, keep leashes on and **never leave your dog outside unattended** until you've been able to train and bond. Check fences for any possible escape routes under, over or through!
- Keep **first walks** short and quiet and gradually increase time and places walked. Your dog may only make it to the sidewalk or one house over. Each time you should get a little farther, to the corner, around the block.



- Gradually introduce **distractions** on walks, taking all precautions. Avoid unnecessary challenges (crowds, noisy places, traffic, etc) until you have had time to bond and train.
- Should the dog become afraid or **SHUT DOWN on a walk**, stop and wait until the dog is ready to proceed. Always be prepared to return home, but you should try to work through the issue and continue walking. Take it slow.
- Do not walk your dog distracted (i.e. texting). It takes one second for your dog to freak out and for you to lose your grip. **Be alert and present for your dog at all times.**
- Be aware of your surroundings and wear proper footwear to avoid slipping and tripping.
- Do not let children or adults who cannot follow your rules walk your dog.



• Whistle, or other **GPS trackers**, are a great backup device for peace of mind. You set up the safe zone and you can monitor your dog remotely using the app. www.shop.whistle.com/

Reminders Inside and Around the Home:

- Never leave doors to the outside open.
- Make sure all areas of fencing are secure with no room to escape.
- Never remove your rescue dog's collar with tags (except to bathe).
- Always leash your rescue dog before opening doors for a walk.

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