

Meet & Greet Checklist:

Calm & Successful Dog Introduction

For the Adopting Family

- [✓] **Arrive calmly**; avoid loud greetings.
 - [✓] **Greet humans first**, sit and settle.
 - [✓] **Avoid direct, prolonged eye contact** at first.
 - [✓] **Let the dog approach you** naturally.
 - [✓] **Offer treats** with guidance from the owner.
 - [✓] **Move slowly**; avoid sudden movements or leaning over.
 - [✓] **Observe dog's body language**: relaxed posture, sniffing, gentle tail wag.
 - [✓] **Ask questions** about routines, quirks, fears, and favourite toys.
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For the Rehoming Family

- [✓] **Have your dog on a leash** initially.
- [✓] **Secure doors, gates**; remove items that may trigger guarding.
- [✓] **Keep water available**.
- [✓] **Greet the family calmly**; guide them to a comfortable area.
- [✓] **Have dog's favourite treats ready** to hand to the adopting family.
- [✓] **Allow your dog space** if needed; reassure family this is normal.
- [✓] **Be honest** about personality, habits, challenges.
- [✓] **Once calm**, hand leash to new family or suggest favourite toy.

General Tips

- The dog should feel safe and choose their interactions.
- Same-day adoption is encouraged to reduce stress for everyone.