

Rover Ready: Guide to Preparing Your Dog

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Stay Informed:



Make a Plan

- Be proactive
- Know your pets triggers and communication style
- Consider health, accommodations, and behavioral foundation
- Designate a point of contact and meeting spot

Grab list

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Item	Location
Leash	By the front door
Harness/ head halter	By the front door
Picture of dog	On the fridge
Food	In the pantry
Water bowls	In the car
Poop bags	By the front door
Medical records/ Vet contact info	File cabinet in office
Medication	Kitchen in dog drawer
toys	Dog toy basket

Go Bag

 **PET EMERGENCY GO BAG ESSENTIALS** 

 <p>3-5 days pet food & water</p>	 <p>Rabies Certificate, owner documentation</p>	 <p>Blanket, towel or pet bed</p>	 <p>Clear photos of your pet in case she gets lost</p>
 <p>Your pet's medication & supplements</p>	 <p>Extra leash and harness</p>	 <p>Comfort toy, dog chew sticks</p>	 <p>Pet wipes, paper towels</p>
 <p>Pet carrier for your dog or cat's safety</p>	 <p>Pet First Aid Kit</p>	 <p>Plenty of dog waste bags!</p>	

Eye Contact

- Mark the moment your dog gives you eye contact and treat
- Key is to wait for your dog to voluntarily give you eye contact
- Purpose is to increase the motivation of your dog CHOOSING to check in with you- so it becomes HABIT
- Over time, increase criteria by changing location and adding in distractions

Touch

- Supports behaviors with placement dependent on situation
- Such as recalls, placing by side, or even acknowledgement of listening
- Pair it with a treat as soon as you feel their nose touch your hand

Emergency Recalls

- Pair your “special” recall with something tasty as a positive and long lasting association
- Start with small distances inside the home off leash, then move to backyard or outside with a long leash
- Over time, increase criteria by increasing distance and adding distractions



Loading/ unloading in vehicles

- Get your dog used to the car by hanging out and jumping in and out or being crated inside the car
- Pair treats when dog gets in and out of the car and bring favorite toys/ bones when hanging out in the car
- Increase criteria from checking out the car, hanging out, to moving/ driving



Settling



- Practice settling with your dog, starting in the quiet of your room and treat dog for laying down.
- When your dog chooses to settle into a down on its own, reward that any chance you can.
- Increase criteria by practicing the behavior outside, public places, and adding in distractions.

Crating

- Have your crate out and have your dog explore it. Anytime your dog goes to explore or chooses to enter inside, REWARD them.
- Provide kong/bone chewing time or their meal times in the crate once your dog is comfortable going in and out of it.
- Over time, move the crate in different areas of the house to ensure your dog can adapt to various locations



Stranger Danger

- At home and out in public, slowly introduce your dog to all kinds of people, including ones in uniform
- In public: Start slow, let your dog dictate what they are comfortable with and reward each baby step. For example: a sniff, a small pet on the chest, a nose touch, and etc.
- At home: at first it may be a reward for a person even entering your home.
- Increase criteria from person entering your home, to dog being comfortable being around that person, to that person being able to pet or touch the dog and so on.



Body Sensitivity



- Pair your treat with an area on the body they may be sensitive to
- Start by aiming your hand in the direction of the area but do not touch.
- As your dog becomes more comfortable, increase criteria by adding touch to that specific area
- *KEY- go slow and read your dog's body language

Thank you!!!

Feel free to reach out if any questions or need resources:

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