

## **Rules of Bringing Home a New Dog**

1. Treat your dog like a dog, not a friend, sibling or fuzzy surrogate child. -  
Your dog will not understand and you will be paving the road for future behavior problems like separation anxiety and aggression.
2. The dog should be kept with you on a leash or in their crate for the first three days
3. For the first week, feed your dog from you and your families hands
4. The dog is to walk BEHIND you or NEXT to you – NEVER IN FRONT
5. Do NOT CHASE your dog, regardless of the reason. Let your dog chase you!
6. REMEMBER DO NOT LET YOUR DOG DO ANYTHING TO YOU THAT YOU DON'T WANT THEM TO DO TO EVERYONE! – Dogs do not understand “sometimes”
7. Do not allow your dog to do anything as a puppy that you don't want the dog to do when it is full grown.
8. Never leave a dog that is learning to be housebroken alone outside it's crate– not even for a few seconds
9. Do not play tug-of-war or roughhouse with your dog – Dogs on the same level wrestle with each other, you are bringing yourself down to your dog's level
10. Never leave your dog unsupervised in the yard.