

# OFOSA Congratulates You on Your Newly Adopted Dog!

Companion animals enrich our lives. Your new friend will love you in return. Here are some tips for you in bringing your new companion home.

## COMMON AILMENTS IN NEWLY ADOPTED DOGS

There is always a possibility that your new pet may show signs of illness within the first few days of bringing him/her home. In the first 14 days of adoption, if your new companion is acting lethargic, not eating or drinking, or is showing signs of illness, it is important that you contact us. We have voicemail and an after-hours emergency number. You may choose to take your new pet to your own veterinarian or an emergency clinic. If so, please note if within the 14 day post adoption period, any medical expenses incurred will be your responsibility and OFOSA will give you a tax-deductible donation letter for those medical costs.

### DIARRHEA & VOMITING

It's not uncommon for new pets to have softer stools, diarrhea, or vomit within a few days of being in a new environment. Possible causes are stress and diet changes. If symptoms continue more than 2 days or are accompanied by lethargy or loss of appetite, please contact us. If your new friend is a puppy, call our emergency number immediately. The number is 503-502-9526.

### COUGHING & SNEEZING

With groups of dogs and puppies together, diseases such as Kennel Cough (Bordetella) are not uncommon. Even if your dog was healthy when you brought him/her home, the incubation period for Kennel Cough is anywhere from 2 – 7 days. We quarantine all animals for at least 7 days which means that your dog could begin showing symptoms a few days after adoption. Minimal sneezing or coughing with no other symptoms, may go away on their own. If the sneezing or coughing exists in conjunction with other symptoms such as lethargy, lack of appetite, dehydration, or cloudy nasal discharge, please contact us or call our emergency line.

## LIFE AFTER SHELTER HEALTH

If your pet appears healthy and has adjusted to your home without any issues, it is still important to establish a relationship with a vet of your choice **after** 14 days after adoption.

**Be sure to take your pet's OFOSA medical history provided in your adoption folder with you.**

### DA2PPV / DHLPP DISTEMPER, HEPATITIS/ADENOVIRUS (TYPE 2), PARAINFLUENZA, PARVOVIRUS

This vaccination is highly recommended and is given to all dogs before attending an adoption event. Dogs in a home environment and under four months of age require booster vaccinations typically every three or four weeks. A booster should be given once a year thereafter or according to your veterinarian's recommendation.

### BORDETELLA

This vaccine protects your dog from most strains of Kennel Cough

### RABIES

Rabies vaccination is required and is given to all dogs over three months of age before being released to you. If a dog is too young to receive a rabies vaccine before adoption, you must get this vaccine from your private veterinarian.