

Good
Dogs
Take
Time
♥

ADOPTION IS A JOURNEY ♥

*It's not always easy at first,
but it's so worth it.*



AND WHEN RETURNS HAPPEN,
A **MAJORITY** OCCUR WITHIN
THE **FIRST 3 WEEKS**.



1 IN 6

ADOPTED DOGS ARE RETURNED.

That's about **16%** of adopted dogs,
according to a large U.S. study.

We don't believe 1 in 6 isn't a good fit.

We believe many adopters get overwhelmed
when their new dog is acting their worst during
the early adjustment period. They're still
decompressing, figuring things out, and learning
a whole new life with you. ♥

THE FIRST FEW WEEKS CAN BE REALLY HARD.

It can mean:



Sleepless
nights



Ruined
furniture



Baby
gates



Dog
crates



Puppy
teething



Accidents
in the house



Stressful
walks

...and more! ♥

*Trust us...
we've been
there, over
and over again.* ♥

THE REAL 3-3-3 RULE

It's not a countdown to a perfect dog.
It's a reminder that adjustment takes MONTHS—not days.



DECOMPRESSING

Your dog may be shut down,
overwhelmed, anxious,
exhausted, or unusually quiet.
You probably aren't seeing
their full personality yet.



FIGURING IT OUT

They're starting to feel safer,
but they're still confused about
the rules, routines, and what's
expected of them. Their behavior
may actually seem worse
as they become more comfortable.



TESTING BOUNDARIES

Your dog may test boundaries
as they learn what works in their
new home. With consistency,
patience, and training, this is when
things often begin to feel more
predictable and comfortable.

THE
**COMEBACK
—PACK—**

Where every dog fits in.

— THECOMEBACKPACK.ORG —

*We know that's not what anyone wants to hear.
We wish there was an easy button.*

All we can say is that almost always, if you put in the time
and the effort, your new dog can transform from
stress-inducing maniac to full-fledged and beloved family member.

Better
Days
Ahead
♥

RESCUE ♥ EDUCATE ♥ SUPPORT ♥ CHANGE LIVES