



Introducing New Dogs

When welcoming another dog into your family, it is critical to follow a some simple steps to ensure a successful introduction between all dogs involved and to ensure their safety.

Step 1

NEUTRAL TERRITORY

The initial introduction should take place in a neutral territory for both dogs. This should be done to avoid territorial behavior. Ideally, the dogs should have some kind of barrier between them for the first introduction.

Step 2

DURATION & LOCATION OF INTRODUCTION

The introduction should be no more than 20 - 30 min and if the dogs seem overly anxious or insecure around each other, the introduction should be stopped before the behavior escalates into unwanted behavior. The location should be someplace that is not too busy and is relatively quiet. Added stimulation will only serve to create further anxiety in both dogs.

Step 3

MULTIPLE DOG INTRODUCTIONS

If you are introducing more than two dogs to each other for the first time, the introductions should be one dog at a time. Multiple dogs meeting for the first time can be overwhelming and may produce feelings of anxiety.

Step 4

WALK THE DOGS

After the introduction, take the dogs on a walk together. Be sure that you keep both dogs under your control and try to prevent any physical contact between them.

Step 5

HOME INTRODUCTION

The new dog(s) should be introduced to your home without the presence of the other dog(s). be sure to supervise the new dog and set your rules and boundaries right away. You want your dog to familiarize itself with the new surroundings and at the same time know what his place is in your family pack.

Step 6

NEVER INITALLY LEAVE THE DOGS ALONE TOGETHER

Be sure to never leave the dogs alone together for the first couple of months. Only after this time, if you are completely convinced that they will be okay together, should you leave them alone.

In conclusion, the first meeting should be a positive one. Go slow, it may take a couple short introductions before they become comfortable around each other. If you find that the dogs are not becoming friendly towards one another, please setup an online consultation with the Dog Wizard or contact an ACT Canine Coach in your area.

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