

Tips & Advice



FOR THE DAY OF ARRIVAL

Collection

Please bring a **slip lead** on the day of collection. **Please do not bring a harness/collar/normal/extendable lead.**

Please continue to use the slip lead for at least the first month. A Harness/collar/extendable lead is **NOT** secure enough and too many rescue dogs slip them and become lost. We never recommend an extendable lead.

You will be given your pet's passport at collection, inside the passport is the microchip number, which is essential to register online in your name ASAP. A separate info sheet will be sent to help you.

Once you are home

If you have another dog(s), **the most important** thing you can do is to ensure they are introduced in a **neutral, outdoor space**. Do not take your new dog straight into your home, this can have a lasting detrimental effect on their relationship.

We **recommend a short lead walk** at a local park, grassy area to let them sniff and meet neutrally, followed by walking home together.

It is important to **create a quiet, private corner** where your pet can retreat to alone when they need it. This could be a crate or just a secluded area that it for them only.

Do not allow other pets or children into their safe space

Give your dog time to settle into it's new surroundings – we do not recommend taking them to grooming appointments, lots of busy public places or any big events in its first couple of weeks.

We do not recommend inviting visitors/taking your dog into a home with many visitors all at once when it first arrives.

Understand that your new pet has never experienced many of these things before and it needs time to settle and decompress.

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THE DAYS AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL

Insurance & Vets

Good veterinary insurance is recommended to have in place for their arrival, to allow for any future needs

We would recommend choosing an insurance company that covers Leishmania, if needed later in life, however less insurance companies will cover this now, so it is not essential.

We recommend registering your dog with a local vet, and taking them for a introduction and check up once they have been with you a couple of weeks.

Food/Diet

Our Zante Strays are mainly fed on dried food and will usually respond well to a good quality dried food once they are home

It is recommended you feed your new pet a bland meal of skinned chicken breast and boiled rice/pasta for the first few days whilst getting them used to the new food

If they have an initial intolerance or upset to their new food, we recommend a **bland diet**/tins of original Chappie, introducing 10% more of a new food each day.

There is a useful probiotic paste called **Pro-Kolin** available from vets or Amazon, which can help with initial diarrhoea.

Understand that settling in will take time

If you are struggling, or just need someone to speak to, please contact us.

There is also a Facebook group called '**Zante Strays UK**' where many past adopters post updates, and also support/help based on their experiences.