Adopter Welcome Checklist

ADOPTERS

Before pickup

- ☐ Prepare secure sleeping and resting space
- ☐ Dog-proof home
- ☐ Check fencing and gates
- ☐ Prepare leash, collar/harness, ID, and transport
- ☐ Plan separation from resident pets.

First day

- ☐ Quiet arrival
- ☐ Potty trip on leash
- ☐ Fresh water and feeding instructions
- ☐ No visitors or forced introductions
- ☐ Safe retreat available.

First week

- ☐ Maintain routine
- ☐ Supervise children
- ☐ Manage resident pet interactions
- ☐ Monitor appetite and elimination
- ☐ Use reward-based training
- ☐ Schedule veterinary follow-up as instructed.

First month

- ☐ Update microchip/ID

- ☐ Expand experiences gradually
- ☐ Continue safe management
- ☐ Ask for support if fear, guarding, or aggression appears.

Reminder

The 3–3–3 rule is not a deadline. Every dog adjusts differently. Safety, patience, and consistency matter more than speed.