

It Doesn't Happen Overnight

The 3/3/3/ rule is a general guideline for the adjustment period of a pet after adoption. Every pet is unique and will adjust differently. Please have patience and allow your new pet time to settle in.



3 Days *To Decompress*

- Feeling overwhelmed
- May feel scared or unsure of what's going on
- Not yet comfortable to be "himself"
- May not want to eat or drink
- Shuts down and/or hides under furniture
- Tests the boundaries



3 Weeks *To Learn Your Routine*

- Starts settling in
- Feels more comfortable
- Realizes this could be his forever home
- Figures out his environment
- Gets into a routine
- Lets his guard down; beginning to show his true personality
- Behavior issues may appear



3 Months *To Start to Feel at Home*

- Finally feels completely comfortable in his home
- Begins to build trust and a true bond
- Gains a complete sense of security with his new family
- Sets into a routine