

Considerations When Adopting a New Dog

Are you ready to add another member to your family?

It's a decision that requires a lot of thought, but if you're ready for a new dog, **we've put together resources to help you.**

There's a lot to consider in adopting or rescuing your new dog, but if you're going through the process, here are the top things we recommend evaluating:

- Are you ready for the responsibility of a new dog?
- What size dog is best for you?
- What's the best dog age and breed for you?
- What's the right dog size for you and your home?
- Is your home pet proof (**particularly if you are getting a puppy**)?
- Do you have a veterinarian and local emergency hospital picked out?

If you already have a dog or dogs in your home, you should also have **a strategy in place for introducing your new family member.**

Warm regards,

Dr. Debra

P.S.: Adopting or rescuing an adult dog can be a wonderful benefit to you and the pet you bring home. **Have you ever thought about why adopting an older dog might be good for your home?**

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