

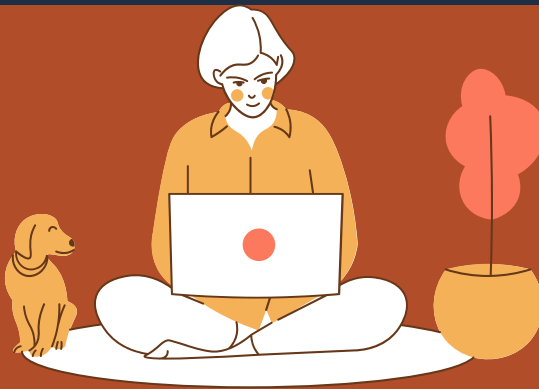
TIPS FOR AFTER YOUR BOARD AT THE BLUE HOUND.

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TAKE A WALK

When bringing your dog home from boarding, your instinct is probably to take your dog straight into your home after picking them up, but if you want to avoid any accidents in the house, it's best to walk your dog up and down your block (or even just around your yard) before you head indoors. The excitement of seeing you again can bring on an overactive bladder in even the most perfectly house-trained pooch, so it's important that you stop and take some time to allow your dog to relieve herself first.

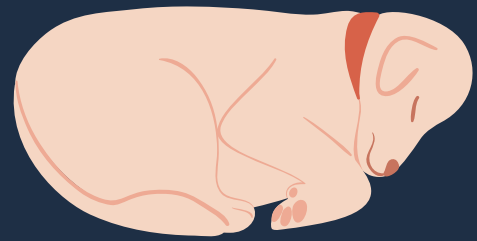


ROUTINE

Dogs benefit from routine and familiarity since knowing what to expect helps them to feel more secure. In turn, this can eliminate unwanted behaviors when they first come home, such as overt clinginess, urinating and even scratching or chewing. Don't make a big fuss about your time apart, just slip back into your usual times for walking, feeding and any other activities that you share.

GIVE SPACE FOR REST

If your boarding facility is doing a good job of taking care of your dog, they will almost certainly come home feeling worn out! You don't want to go away and leave your pup in care that will largely leave them to their own devices. Instead, you want to be sure they are kept busy so that they remain healthy and not focused on being apart from you. Any reputable boarding business will spend a great deal of time exercising and playing with your dog so they are physically and cognitively stimulated and don't become bored and restless. As a result, they may need to sleep more when back home! If they still seem unusually lethargic after a couple of days, it is worth speaking to your veterinarian in just to rule out any underlying illness.



APPETITE CHANGES

Dogs tend to work up a significant appetite when they are in being boarded and this is because they spend a lot of time exercising and playing. They need extra calories to refuel their bodies. However, since dogs naturally seem to eat less when away from home, often just due to being less comfortable eating in unfamiliar surroundings, it is very common for canines to play catch-up when they arrive home. Similar to added hunger, many owners report that their dogs also drink more during the first few days back home. Again, this is almost certainly due to the fact of comfort drinking at home. We also encourage waiting until your dog has had some time at home and settled before feeding or offering water - about an hour. If your dog's intake doesn't settle down in a few days, speak to your veterinarian for reassurance.

MONITOR POTTY BREAKS

Have you ever had an upset tummy because of fear, anxiety, or excitement? A similar phenomenon can affect our pets too, and if your dog has diarrhea when they first return home, this could be to do with the flood of emotions they're feeling. It is very unlikely that they picked up a stomach virus or anything like - we work hard to keep our home clean & ensure guests are vaccinated. Nevertheless, if they have diarrhea for more than 48 hours, You know your dog better than anyone else and if you suspect that something isn't quite right, we strongly recommend that you seek the advice and support of a caring and experienced veterinarian. Please reach out to us as well.



SEPARATION ANXIETY

Many pets suffer from mild separation anxiety when they are temporarily out of contact with their owner. As a result, clingy behavior when you are first reunited is normal and to be expected. Nevertheless, you can help manage this and ease them back into their habitual, well-adjusted self by slipping back into your usual routine as quickly as possible. This will help to re-establish familiarity and help her feel secure. Additionally, some extra time doing one of their favorite activities or one on one time can do wonders.

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