



## **RECOMMENDED ESSENTIALS LIST**

Thank you for choosing to adopt a rescue dog from Final Victory Rescue. Your decision saved 2 lives! We are animal lovers through and through and have been around the block a few times. We wanted to provide you with a list of items we deem essential.

### **CRATE**

Whether wire, metal, or plastic, a crate is not only an extremely valuable tool for you, but most rescue dogs require a safe space. Even if you do not close the crate door all the time – offering a crate, surrounded by familiar items, in a quiet section of your home will assist your rescue dog at becoming more comfortable and feeling safe. There are tons of different set-ups you can achieve. Just take a look at pintrest!

### **FOOD/WATER BOWLS**

### **DOG BED**

Have a couple! Rescue dogs should not be invited onto the furniture for at least 2 weeks. We never recommend your rescue dog sleeping in your bed, on their dog bed or in a crate next to your bed is awesome – but once you give up your human bed – things can get tricky. Your adoption lead can review this with you in more detail.

### **SLIP LEAD/LEASH**

Good quality leash and/or Harness. \*\*DOUBLE LEASH!\*\*

### **QUALITY COLLAR**

A martingale collar, or a good quality, flat, buckle collar (metal buckle is best)

### **TREATS**

A variety of good quality treats will assist in various comfort levels with you and your dog. It will start to instill trust and can be used for rewards with basic training.

### **TOYS**

A Kong is a great option, choose one appropriate for your new dogs age and size. The Qwizl by West Paw is an amazing puzzle/chew toy all in one. It can hold a bullystick, or you can pry it open

to place other treats in it (like dehydrated liver snacks) and your dog will spend time trying to figure out how to get the treats. It is not just a chew toy but also a puzzle that provides them with mental stimulation. Lick mats and puzzles are also good options. \*\*Remember that your dog should be supervised with toys\*\* **Please AVOID any Rawhide and Rope toys.**

## PANTRY ITEMS

Rescue dogs are stressed when they arrive – rightfully so. Their environment has changed and so has everything else for them. Their tummies may be upset and for that reason we recommend having the following items on hand:

**Canned Pure Pureed Pumpkin** (not pie filling, just unadulterated pureed pumpkin, can still be found in baking aisle at most grocery stores) Pumpkin is wonderful. You can supplement up to 10% of your dog's daily food allowance with pumpkin. Pumpkin is good for upset tummies, diarrhea, constipation and overall digestion support.

**Minute Rice** – Also helps with upset tummies and diarrhea. Precook minute rice according to box, omitting the butter. Can be mixed with pumpkin and plain cooked proteins. Ex: plain boiled chicken breast, Cooked lean ground beef.

Couple cans of good **quality wet food**. All of the above can be mixed in with a bit of the regular food (kibble) you have chosen for your dog. They may be hesitant to eat right away, or even for the first couple days, so small offerings are best.

~ Prepare to make your vet appointment after about a week or 2 after your new furry friend's arrival. At this appointment, we recommend that you provide your vet with copies of the vetting documents that you received at transport. One of the most important things is to ensure you follow through with the Heartworm prevention and depending on the time of year, ensuring proper flea and tick prevention from your vet as well.

As with any new life venture – there will be a learning curve. The volunteers at Final Victory Rescue are here for you. No question is too big or too small. We do not judge any questions. We rather have you ask anything, even if it does seem small. The small things can lead to big things and we don't want that! Please remember that we have all been in your shoes in one way or another and as such, we know the work involved and we definitely know the reward that follows. Stick with it, stick with us and stick with your furry companion!

Thank you from all of us at Final Victory Rescue!

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