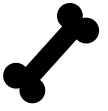
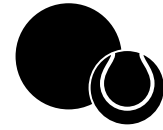
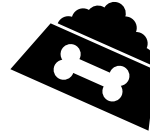


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## **GETTING STARTED WITH YOUR NEW DOG**

**WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT HOME**, immediately show your dog to his/her appropriate toilet area. Take your dog to the designated toilet area once an hour, every hour, on leash (except overnight). Allow supervised free time only after he relieves himself/herself in the appropriate area. If your dog does not eliminate on one of these trips, confine him/her to his/her “doggie den”

**CONFINE** your new dog to a “doggie den” whenever you are physically (or mentally!) absent, such as when you are at work, paying bills, making dinner, sleeping, etc. A “doggie den” can be a crate, bathroom, or designated “home base” for your pet.

**WE RECOMMEND FEEDING** your dog throughout the day out of a hollow Kong or other chew toy stuffed with kibble and snacks, especially when THEY ARE in his/her “doggie den” or when you are busy. Also use part of your dog’s regular meal while on walks, during training, or when meeting new people. All food should come either out of a Kong or from somebody’s hand.

**PROVIDE PLENTY OF APPROPRIATE CHEW TOYS** to keep your dog busy and prevent chewing “casualties” in your home and yard. Redirect any chewing “mistakes” by directing your dog to an acceptable alternative. This will also help establish an appropriate chewing habit throughout your dog’s life.

**INTRODUCE YOUR DOG TO NEW PEOPLE** and other pets gradually so as not to overwhelm him/her. Use kibble and treats to help form a positive association to new people. Be sure he/she has access to his/her “den” in case he/she needs a break from all the activity.

**ENROLL IN A BASIC OBEDIENCE CLASS RIGHT AWAY!** This will help you learn how to better communicate with your dog in a way she will understand. Bark University is a free introductory course provided by Second Chance Center for Animals.

**DON'T ALLOW YOUR DOG FREE RUN OF THE ENTIRE HOUSE** right away, or else your new friend may learn all sorts of bad habits. First take the time to teach him/her good habits.

**DON'T TAKE YOUR DOG OFF-LEASH IN PUBLIC** until you have successfully completed an obedience class and have built a strong positive relationship with him.

**WE'RE HERE TO HELP!**

