



Boxer Angels Rescue

RESCUES AND ADOPTIONS THROUGHOUT THE NORTHEAST



Even dogs can suffer from STRESS

QUICK CHECKLIST OF "STRESSED" DOG BEHAVIORS

These are normal behaviors
for the first day or so in
a new home

- ⇒ PANTING
- ⇒ EXCESSIVE DRINKING
- ⇒ EXCESSIVE POTTYING
- ⇒ INSIDE POTTY ACCIDENTS
- ⇒ PACING
- ⇒ WHINING
- ⇒ BARKING
- ⇒ NOT SLEEPING or EXCESSIVE SLEEPING
- ⇒ REFUSING ALL or SOME FOOD
- ⇒ REFUSING TO CRATE
- ⇒ UN-RESPONSIVE TO NAME or COMMANDS



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There are many things that you can expect in the first few days from your new foster. Some are things that you are probably already hoping for; such as kisses and nubbins wags. However, some you probably have not considered and these behaviors can be alarming if you are not expecting them.

Remember that your home, no matter how welcoming, is completely new and foreign to your foster. He or she is a dog that has;
Just lost their family (for the owner surrenders)
Been placed into an unfamiliar situation with strangers
Lost every routine that they ever had

At first it can be very difficult to tell what this stressed dog will actually be like in the days to come as they settle into your home and routine. Stressed dogs can drink too much, pant all the time, pee too much, pace, whine, bark, refuse to go into the crate and stop eating. ALL of these can be NORMAL behaviors for a stressed dog. A dog that was reported to be housetrained can have accidents in the first few days, simply because he/she is drinking too much and does not even know where or who to ask to go outside. A dog that was crate trained can bark or whine in the crate or refuse to go in the crate at all.

As the foster home you will take the time to help your foster dog learn the normal routine and rhythm of your home. Your foster needs you to be a calm, confident and trust worthy leader. Even with the best structure and leadership you should expect to see signs of stress for several days and even up to a week. Helping your foster to go from a stressed out, bewildered creature to a happy, bouncy, nub waggin' Boxer is a part of this totally amazing and rewarding experience called fostering.

If you have any questions or concerns about the behaviors that you are seeing in your foster please let us know.

**THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU
DO FOR YOUR FOSTER!**

