

TRANSPORT CCR

In order to make sure all dogs and fosters/transporters remain safe, I have created a few guidelines and tips.

1. All dogs must be in a crate when in a vehicle. Plastic crates are easier to load and also contain most messes that may occur (you don't want to find out the hard way a dog gets car sick).
2. All dogs must wear TWO slip leashes unless you have a slip leash with a rubber or leather adjustment so a dog cannot get loose.
3. Make sure the leash remains on the dog until safely inside the foster home. Even once in a foster home having a leash drag may be helpful if a dog is fearful or needs to be stopped from getting away, for numerous situations.

WHEN LOADING A DOG INTO YOUR CAR

1. TAKE YOUR TIME. It is better to go slow and be overly cautious than have an accident happen. Dogs are not as predictable as they may seem, and even experienced dog handlers can be taken off guard.
2. Allow dogs time to take a bathroom break.
3. Bring treats! If you have difficulty with a dog, food often helps.
4. Not all dogs like to be pet, especially if they are in a new situation. Read their body language and what they are comfortable with. Do not reach over a dog's head (imagine a person putting their hand on your forehead).
5. Some dogs are not going to like being lifted. This is where it is important to go slow. If touching slightly where you would lift a dog makes them tense and seem like they may bite, STOP. Take a minute to try coaxing with treats and speaking in a high, happy voice. A small breed dog can be easier to lift by holding the leash firm in front of you, so they cannot turn to bite you, while lifting their body with your other hand. Or even throwing a towel over them and then lifting them up will help. A larger dog will need to be coaxed up. Pulling a dog will often make a dog pull away. If a dog panics, remain still and allow them to calm down. Remember high, happy voice. A low voice makes dogs think they are in trouble. A benefit of a plastic crate is it can come out of your car easier than a metal crate, so the dog can walk in the crate, and then you can load the crate back into the car. This last scenario would be for a dog terrified of getting in cars.

Once a dog is safely in your home, please email or text me so I know everything went well. If you are having trouble, make sure you ask the transporter there for help or give me a text so I can call you (I have my phone on silent so I usually don't notice calls). For any clarifications or further tips, don't hesitate to ask.

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