

Transition Plan Topics

“Going Home with Your Dog”

Since you are going home soon with your new guide, we will have a final one-on-one meeting to discuss the upcoming transition. You will have the opportunity to share your plans and discuss strategies for your return home.

If you live with other people, they will also be involved in your transition. You have the option to include a family member or housemate via speaker phone during this class meeting. Please note that you are responsible for coordinating your party’s participation.

To help you prepare for this discussion, we have a list of topics for you to consider.

Please come prepared with your plans, ideas, and/or questions. If you choose to have someone from your household join the conversation, share this information with them as well. Thank you!

* Introducing your guide to family, coworkers, and classmates
* Introducing your guide to pets
* Use and placement of tie-downs or crates in home or office
* Dog proofing the home: How to avoid potential dangers
* Develop feeding, watering, and relieving schedules that fit into your home life
* Discuss home leash relieving area
* Discuss needs for exercise and rest for your guide
* Weight management. Will you have a place to regularly weigh your guide?
* Introducing freedom into your home
* Review basic dog care (grooming, health, nail trimming)
* Review home area routes you anticipate may require sighted assistance or patterning
* Food rewards for optimizing performance