Congratulations on your new family member!

A word from Dr. Roberta Westbrook, Chief Animal Welfare & Medical Officer

Welcome to the beginning of a wonderful journey. You have chosen to give yourself and one of our family members a lifetime of memories filled with love and happiness. Though your pet may miss their previous family or have bad memories of a life they are trying to forget, they will be looking to you to guide them through all the unique challenges that they may encounter.

For many of them, this will be their first home, their first bed, and their first night in a new place where they have been shown love. It will take time for them to settle, so please be patient and forgive their mistakes and social awkwardness. In time, these will be the memories and stories that will make you laugh as you retell the story of how you met and how they won your heart. Eventually you won’t be able to remember a day that they weren’t in your life. And each day as they gaze into your eyes as if to say “Thank you for finding me,” your bond will grow. We hope that with our help and your compassion, they will see in themselves what we see in them.

We, your friends at the Houston SPCA, hope that these resources we have provided will give you what you need to take those next steps forward into this new beginning, together.