

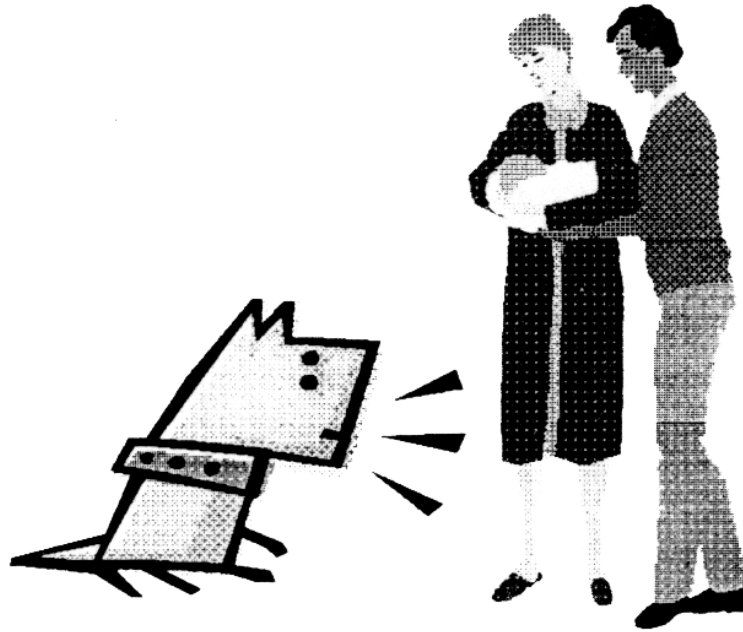


Rondout Valley Kennels, Inc.

Pet Lodging  Training / Behavior  Adoptions & Education



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations! You have made the huge decision to adopt a dog.

You may be thinking:

- *“Oh my God, what have I done?”*
- *“If I have to move, how will I ever find a place that allows dogs?”*
- *“What if I come home tired from a long day at work and I don’t feel like walking my dog?”*
- *“Who will take care of my dog if I go away?”*
- *“How much will the veterinarian, the dog-sitter, the training cost me?”*
- *“Where will I find the time for a dog?”*
- *“What if my dog needs a lot of training?”*

You may be feeling a bit overwhelmed, in fact, if you weren’t somewhat overwhelmed we’d be more concerned. Owning a dog is a lifetime commitment, a lifestyle change, a relentless responsibility. The time, care and effort needed to live successfully with a dog is immense, but then so is the return. Dogs give so much back; they make the most wonderful of friends.

The first few days and weeks of dog ownership can be the hardest. You’ll have many emotions and frustrations. Don’t expect such a huge lifestyle change to feel smooth and easy. It’s not. But it gets easier, and more and more fun, and then your initial hard work will pay off and you’ll have the greatest companion for life.