



Little Dog Big City

Moving to a big city is a major adjustment for anyone, especially our canine friends!

Try these tips from Boi's trainer, Ursula Brauner, from SHARPAY'S FABULOUS ADVENTURE to ease the big city transition for your canine companion.



Know Your Animal!

- Research your breed and know their tendencies – if overly friendly or aggressive, they may need some training to stay within an appropriate 'personal space' within the city.
- Watch for signs of stress within your dog's body language. If they're not eating, shaking or the tail is tucked when you venture outside, use positive reinforce to support your dog and to reduce any fears.

Know Before You Go!

- Speak to your current vet about your dog's health and the changes ahead. Get a reference for a good veterinarian within your new locale.
- Go online and learn the pet laws and ordinances within your new urban setting.

Take the Lead!

- Pets are very adaptable, but responsible pet owners must keep an eye on their transition.
- Set the pace and concentrate on positives throughout your transition. Dogs will always follow your example so if you're happy and adjusted, that'll ease their transition.



Routine Rules!

- As soon as possible, get a routine set up for you and your pup.
- Establish good eating, exercise, grooming and bathroom routines to make a smooth transition.

Banish the Barking!

- Living in a smaller, urban setting with neighbors closer than ever, requires a respectful awareness of sounds and noise.
- Establish 'quiet behavior' right away to ease any stress your dog may initially have. Schedule a friend to arrive at a certain time and train your dog not to bark whenever the doorbell rings.
- Play quiet games together such as rolling a ball around or 'find-it' games with treats or toys.

Leash Lessons!

- Personal space with other dogs and people is important within the big city. Your pup may need to adjust to life on a leash within urban settings. Be firm, but make it a positive experience.
- When walking within the city, be sure to stop at street corners and teach your pup to effectively look in both directions for traffic and wait for your lead before crossing.
- If your canine is particularly unruly, take an obedience class. The extra bonding time with your pup will ease their transition.

Weather Watch!

- Urban settings get extra hot when the temperature rises. Be mindful of overheated pavement or asphalt surfaces for paws when it's bathroom or exercise time. Keep your pup hydrated when the temperature rises.
- Find fitting gear for all kinds of weather. Stylish slickers for rainy days and sweaters for chilly days are important gear for.

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