

To My New Human:

Please be patient with me. My life up until now has been very hard. Here are some things I need from you...

- 1) **I will require an ID tag.** It is my *only* ticket home if I get lost. Please put it on my collar immediately.
- 2) **I should be supervised at all times.** I may need a crate or safe place while I am adjusting to my new life and surroundings.
- 3) **I will need a variety of chew toys.** I have been confined for so long with nothing to do, I might want to chew on things I shouldn't. PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH ME.
- 4) **Enroll us in a "dog manners" course.** This will give us a chance to bond and will provide *both* of us with helpful training. Never send me away for training. Use a positive reinforcement trainer. I've had enough fear in my short life.
- 5) It will take **time AND understanding** for me to learn how to let you know that **I have to go to the bathroom and where I should go.** Take me out often and give me yummy treats when I go. Try a bell on the back door.
- 6) **Use positive, fear-free training and reinforcement.** Google "fear-free training near you" for a list of trainers. NEVER HIT ME!
- 7) **Take me on long walks,** several times a day. I LOVE to walk, & the exercise would do us BOTH good. **A car ride is great for cold, hot or rainy days.** I love seeing the world and it provides great stimulation for my active brain.
- 8) Feed me **twice a day & always have fresh water** available to drink.
- 9) **I will need a soft bed or thick blanket** of my own, kept in the rooms where my new family will be. I need my own comfortable spot. And let me sleep in your bedroom. You are my new pack and I need to sleep near you.
- 10) **DO NOT chain me up** outside and forget about me. I've been neglected enough already for the short time I have been on this earth. My place is with you.
- 11) **Please don't give up on me!** If you have any problems, call my friends at the shelter you got me from or google force-free trainers near you.
- 12) **Treat me with kindness and respect and I WILL LOVE YOU FOREVER!!!**

Love,

Your lifelong companion