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# The Intuitive Connection

## Bringing Home Baby

Bringing a new animal home can be a wonderful experience. Animals bring so many benefits to our lives, including companionship, improved physical health, improved emotional health, social skills, and love just to name a few. With all of those benefits, its hard not to want to share them with others, including our existing pets. The more the merrier, right?



In a perfect world, introducing a new animal into the home would look something like the picture on the left. You bring the new pet home, everyone immediately falls in love, and your pets (new and old) become best friends and inseparable.

However, in the real world that may not be the case. The animals aren't interested

in being friends, and worse yet, the interaction might look more like what you see on the right. What can you do to ensure the success of bringing home a new pet?



First of all, you need to really consider whether bringing home a new pet is best for everyone in the family, including your existing pets. Just because your dog is at home by themselves all day while you are at work doesn't mean they are lonely. They might be content being at home by themselves, or they may not want to share your attention with another pet. Some questions you should consider are:

- Do you have the time to devote to multiple pets?
- Do you have young children?
- Do you have elderly pets?
- Do you have adequate space for the new pet?
- Do you have the financial resources to properly care for the new pet?

More doesn't always mean better. You have to consider the effects of bringing home a

new pet on the entire family. Get everyone's input, including your existing pets. Remember, you and your pets are communicating all the time. Ask them how they would feel if you bring home another baby. If your first impression is "NO WAY!", then you have your answer. If on the other hand, your first impression is "maybe" or "a new friend?", then they might be open to the idea of welcoming in another member to the family. If you are not sure, contact an animal communicator and have them ask on your behalf. Keep in mind that if your pet's response is "NO," are you prepared to respect that answer? Animals are beings with their own thoughts, feelings, and most definitely opinions, so if you respect them enough to ask their opinion, you should respect them enough to honor their answer, even if it is contradictory to what you want. If you do plan to move forward with bringing home another bundle of joy, there are some steps you can take to help your new animal transition into the family, as well as help your existing pets transition to the newest family member.

According to PetFinder, the first few days are the most important when acclimating your new pet. Things you should do before and for the first few weeks when bringing home your new pet are:

- Research the breed, prior owner history (if known), and medical history.
- Set up structure. This can include sleeping arrangements, feeding times, exercise, and the all important potty needs.
- Pet proof your space. Consider hiding or taping electrical cords, storing household chemicals, setting up crates, cages, or scratching posts, removing or relocating plants and breakables, installing baby gates, repairing fences, etc. Don't forget the car; make it safe for bringing your new pet home.
- See the vet for a complete health check. Identify what your pet's needs are, such as: medical issues, dietary needs, vaccinations, exercise, toys, etc.
- Training. Come up with a plan for training and a list of key words you and everyone in the house will use when communicating with your pet. Training also includes teaching children how they should approach, touch, hold, and interact with the new pet.
- Remain calm and don't rush. You will have many years with your new pet. Take time to learn their personality, likes, and dislikes. Give them time to adjust and get used to their new family. Mistakes will be made, so remain patient. Know when to ask for help, and be prepared to commit if follow up training is needed for behavioral/emotional issues.

In addition to the tips listed above, there are other special considerations and preparations to make when introducing your new pet to an existing pet. I've included several hyperlinks below for specific scenarios.

- [ASPCA: Introducing your dog to a new dog](#)
- [ASPCA: Introducing your cat to a new dog](#)
- [ASPCA: Introducing your cat to a new cat](#)
- [ASPCA: Introducing your new horse to the herd](#)
- [RSPCA: Introducing rabbits](#)

As a multiple pet guardian, I have a huge responsibility for the health and happiness of my mini zoo, and I wouldn't have it any other way.





## Shelter Stars

Being able to communicate with animals has been a blessing in my life. Animals have given me so much comfort and joy, that I felt compelled to somehow “pay it forward.” In December 2010, I started volunteering at the Solano County Animal Shelter (every Sunday, I select 2-3 dogs or cats to work with, sending them healing energy and helping them work out issues such as fear, trust, abandonment, sadness, etc.). Some just need to be touched and loved, while others need to understand why they are there. Whatever the need, I do what I can to help them.

I wish I could adopt them all, but my home (not to mention my budget) is not large enough for all of them. As a result of working with the animals, I decided to start a Facebook campaign. Here are a couple of the adorable animals that are still available for adoption at the Solano County Animal Shelter in Fairfield, CA. Each animal is assigned a special ID number that starts with A.

If you are interested in adopting one of them, contact the shelter at 707-784-1356 or visit them Tuesday-Friday 10:00-6:00 or Saturday 10:00-5:00. Don't forget to mention their ID #.

If you can't adopt, consider volunteering. Contact your local animal shelter for more information.



# PET OF THE WEEK



**A188430**

This Cute Little Guy is a tan & white Smooth Coat Chihuahua around 5 years old. He is very lovable & would love nothing more than to be a part of your Forever Family!

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Solano County Animal Care  
2510 Clay Bank Rd-Fairfield



# PET OF THE WEEK



**A187194**

This Handsome Little Guy is a gray & white Domestic Mediumhair around 6 months old. During the month of August his Adoption Fees are reduced to only \$20.00 (Microchip & Rabies Vaccination Extra) So take advantage of these savings & get a Forever Friend at the same time!

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## Upcoming Events

### Wings of Wonder Healing Expo

Holiday Inn  
11269 Point East Drive  
Rancho Cordova, CA  
Saturday, September 6, 2014  
11:00—6:00

Animal Communication and Custom Stone/Crystal Healing Jewelry

### Reno Spiritual and Wellness Expo

Reno Convention Center  
4590 South Virginia St  
Reno, NV  
Saturday, October 18, 2014  
9:30—7:00  
Sunday, October 19, 2014  
9:30—6:00

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