



Example Survey Questions and Automatic Advice For Foster Caregivers of Dogs Over 8 Weeks of Age

The following survey questions, selected survey answers, and automatic advice are examples from the “Your First Day Together” Survey for foster caregivers of dogs over 8 weeks of age.

Please note: This may not be a comprehensive showing of all survey questions, answer options, or automated advice available in the app. The database is quite extensive, and questions/advice may change based on increased or decreased severity of selected issues over time (e.g., if issue is better, same or worse in subsequent surveys, like from Day 1 to Day 3). Additionally, if an option is selected (ex: diarrhea) within the following survey, then that survey may include immediate follow up questions specific to that issue (e.g., frequency, consistency, severity, etc.). The following example only displays answer options that have automated advice.

Components of a Survey Response:

QUESTION	
SELECTED ANSWER OPTION	AUTOMATIC ADVICE BASED ON SELECTED ANSWER

Example Survey:

Check all that apply. Is Goose experiencing any of the following?	
Difficulty breathing	If Goose is having trouble breathing – showing signs of difficulty or fast breathing – this could be a very serious and potentially life threatening emergency. Please contact your foster coordinator immediately at +1-(765) 413-5030. For more information, visit Maddie's Fund: Breathing Difficulties in Dogs .
Worms in poop and/or vomit	Two common types of worms are roundworms and tapeworms; however, there are many other kinds of intestinal parasites. Roundworms look like spaghetti and can be found in vomit and/or poop. Tapeworms look like pieces of rice, and can be found in poop or stuck on a dog's rear end. Please contact your foster coordinator to describe what you are seeing. You may need to get a de-wormer for Goose or you may need to bring in a stool sample for microscopic exam. For more information, visit Maddie's Fund: Intestinal Parasites in Dogs .
Coughing (more than once)	Coughing can be a sign that Goose has a mild irritation in her throat, but it can also be a sign of a variety of medical



	<p>conditions.</p> <p>Causes of coughing include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease (aka “Kennel Cough”)• Heart Disease• Collapsing Trachea• Heartworms, Lungworms• Allergies <p>Since coughing can be a sign of a contagious condition, keep Goose separate from other dogs until your foster coordinator gives the okay.</p> <p>For more information, visit Maddie's Fund: Coughing in Dogs.</p>
<p>Nasal discharge and/or sneezing (more than once)</p>	<p>Nasal discharge and/or sneezing can be a sign that Goose sniffed something that is temporarily irritating her nose, but it can also be a sign of several medical conditions.</p> <p>Causes of nasal discharge and/or sneezing include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease (aka “Kennel Cough”)• Allergies• Reverse sneezing• An object in the nose (such as a blade of grass or dirt) <p>Since nasal discharge and sneezing can be signs of a contagious condition, keep Goose separate from other dogs until your foster coordinator gives the okay.</p> <p>For more information, visit Maddie's Fund: Sneezing and Nasal Discharge in Dogs.</p>
<p>Eye discharge</p>	<p>A small amount of eye discharge is often nothing to worry about. Minimal eye discharge may also be seen due to viruses or bacteria, such as in "kennel cough". If Goose's symptoms are mild and she has a normal appetite and energy level, it is okay to monitor her. However, it is important not to let the symptoms go too long without treatment as irreversible damage can occur. If Goose is unable to hold the eyelid open, is squinting the eye, or if the eye looks cloudy, is bulging, or extremely red, contact your foster coordinator to discuss the symptoms you observe as soon as possible.</p> <p>For more information, visit Maddie's Fund: Eye Discharge in Dogs.</p>
<p>Jerky movements/seizures</p>	<p>Please contact your foster coordinator immediately to arrange for emergency veterinary care for Goose!</p> <p>What you can do in the meantime:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep Goose from hitting her head on anything hard like furniture or walls. Carefully move Goose away from those things, and provide a barrier with pillows or bedding.• Keep Goose away from stairs and high areas from which she could fall.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Record everything about the seizures (how long they last, whether there was jerking of the limbs or muscle twitching of body parts, whether Goose pooped or peed during the episode, etc.).• Check your household for any evidence that Goose ingested something toxic. Have any plants been chewed on? Did she get into any chemicals or medications? <p>For more information, visit Maddie's Fund: Seizures in Dogs.</p>
Limping	<p>Mild limping may improve with rest and restricted activity over the next 24 hours.</p> <p>Signs to watch out for include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limping that lasts more than a few days.• Swelling of the affected limb(s).• An inability to walk or run normally.• Reluctance to perform an everyday activity, like jumping into a vehicle.• Unwillingness to bear weight on the affected limb(s).• Holding leg at an unnatural angle.• Whining or crying, suggesting that Goose is in pain.• Limping accompanied by other signs of illness like fever, decreased appetite, vomiting, and lethargy. <p>If you see any of these signs, please contact your foster coordinator to arrange for veterinary care for Goose. Approach and handle Goose with caution. Dogs may react aggressively if you attempt to move them while they are in pain.</p> <p>For more information, visit Maddie's Fund: Limping in Dogs.</p>
Fleas	<p>Please contact your foster coordinator to find out if Goose has been treated for fleas, and for advice on dealing with this problem.</p> <p>Heavy flea infestation in dogs is uncommon but can be very serious. If Goose's gums are very pale, or if she is lethargic/weak, please contact your foster coordinator immediately at +1-(765) 413-5030. Goose may need emergency veterinary care.</p> <p>For more information, visit Maddie's Fund: Fleas in Dogs.</p>
Ear problems (excessive debris, itching)	<p>If Goose is only occasionally scratching at her ear(s), especially if you know that she has fleas, it is OK to monitor her for a day or two.</p> <p>Signs to watch out for include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excessive ear debris (brown/black or yellow)• Constant scratching at the ears(s) and/or shaking of the head



- Backs of ear(s) that are irritated or are missing hair
- Bleeding from the ear(s)
- Ear(s) that smell bad
- Swelling of the ear(s)
- Ear(s) that are sore or painful
- Frequent tilting of the head to the side

If you are seeing any of these signs, contact your foster coordinator as soon as possible.
For more information, visit [Maddie's Fund: Ear Problems in Dogs](#).

Approximately, how many times has Goose vomited in the past 24 hours?

Four or more times

While an isolated episode of vomiting may be nothing to worry about, frequent vomiting is cause for concern. This can cause dehydration and electrolyte imbalances. Contact your foster coordinator as soon as possible; a veterinary exam might be useful.

For more information, visit [Maddie's Fund: Vomiting in Dogs](#).

Approximately, how much is Goose vomiting?

Large amount(s)

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For more information, visit [Maddie's Fund: Vomiting in Dogs](#).

Approximately, how many times has Goose had diarrhea in the past 24 hours?

Four or more times

While a small amount of soft stool or diarrhea can be expected for a day or two as Goose adjusts to a new environment or new food, frequent and large amounts of diarrhea, or diarrhea that is bloody and/or watery can be serious. It can lead to dehydration, which can be very dangerous, and also be a sign of an underlying medical issue. Please contact your foster care coordinator to arrange for Goose to receive medical attention as soon as possible.

For more information, visit [Maddie's Fund: Diarrhea in Dogs](#).

Which of the following best describes the consistency of the diarrhea?

Watery

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Please contact your foster care coordinator to arrange for Goose to receive medical attention as soon as possible.
For more information, visit [Maddie's Fund: Diarrhea in Dogs](#).

Check all that apply. How would you describe the diarrhea?

Bloody (large amounts of blood)

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For more information, visit [Maddie's Fund: Diarrhea in Dogs](#).

How lethargic is Goose?

Extremely lethargic (barely moving, difficulty holding head up)

You should contact your foster coordinator immediately. It sounds like Goose needs emergency veterinary care!
For more information, visit [Maddie's Fund: Lethargy in Dogs](#).

Is Goose not putting weight on one (or more) leg(s), e.g., lifting paw?

Yes

This is a serious sign of pain and discomfort. It is recommended that you call your foster coordinator to arrange for veterinary care for Goose.
Some causes of limping are obvious and require immediate veterinary care. In general, a dog will not walk on a broken or dislocated leg. The leg may also be swollen and/or at an awkward angle. If this is the case, Goose should get medical care immediately.
For more information, visit [Maddie's Fund: Limping in Dogs](#).

Which best describes Goose's appetite? My foster pet:

Doesn't seem to be interested in food.

Dogs often have decreased appetite for a day or two after a stressful event, such as a change of home or environment. If Goose isn't lethargic and isn't showing other signs of illness (e.g., vomiting, diarrhea or coughing), she may just need some time to adjust.
Closely watch how much Goose is eating. If you leave a bowl of food out for Goose all day, you should measure the starting amount and then measure how much is left 24 hours later. This allows you to see how much she is eating. If the lack of appetite continues beyond 1-2 days, or if other symptoms are present, please contact your foster coordinator. It could be a medical problem.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Move the food dish to a more private space, especially if there are other animals in the home.
- Warm up the wet food to enhance its smell, or add a bit of warm water or canned food to dry food to make it more exciting.



- Try changing the type of dish you are serving from, or even consider serving the food off something flat, such as a paper plate.
- Make sure food and water are fresh.

For more information, visit [Maddie's Fund: Appetite Issues in Dogs](#).

Check all that apply. Goose:

Peed in an inappropriate location (e.g., on a rug indoors).

Dogs sometimes have a few accidents (peeing or pooping inside your home) when they are adjusting to a new home—this is normal. If you are consistent with routines, schedules, feeding, and rules for Goose, this should improve over time.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Take Goose outside for regular bathroom breaks. Take her out after waking up, eating or drinking, after playing, or anything exciting.
- Confine Goose to a safe, secure, cleanable location such as a tiled room or crate (if she is comfortable in a crate), when you cannot directly supervise her.
- Make arrangements for Goose to have a bathroom break if you are going to be out for a long period of time. Puppies cannot hold their bladders for longer than 3-4 hours. Adult dogs can hold it for longer periods of time. New dogs should be left alone for shorter periods of time than a dog you have had in your home for a long time.

If you feel at any time Goose's housesoiling is worsening, please contact your foster coordinator.

Additional information: [DDFL: Housetraining Your Dog](#) [San Francisco SPCA: House Soiling](#)

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	<p>If you feel at any time Goose's housesoiling is worsening, please contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DDFL: Housetraining Your Dog• San Francisco SPCA: House Soiling
<p>Has not peed yet.</p>	<p>Dogs should pee 2-4 times per day. Some reasons Goose might not have urinated include not drinking enough water, fear of going outdoors, or in rare cases a medical problem such as a urinary tract blockage or severe kidney disease.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It's possible that Goose has urinated indoors, but you haven't discovered it. Make sure you check your home carefully for signs of urine (e.g., stains and smells). If you have a boy dog, be sure to check edges of furniture.• Some dogs prefer to be leashed, some unleashed while urinating. Try each in a safe area.• Dogs might prefer certain surfaces (e.g., grass, concrete, dirt, etc.). Try different surfaces.• Watch Goose when outside to make sure she goes to the bathroom.• If you live in a busy or noisy area, try to take Goose some place quiet.• Monitor Goose's water intake and consider adding water or chicken broth to her food if she is not drinking much. <p>If Goose has not urinated at all in more than 48 hours or is extremely lethargic or straining to urinate, you should contact your foster coordinator immediately.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PetMD: Lack of Urination
<p>Has not pooped yet.</p>	<p>Dogs usually poop 1-4 times per day. Some reasons Goose might not have pooped include not drinking enough water, poor appetite, constipation, diarrhea, or a behavioral concern such as fear of outdoors, or reluctance to go to the bathroom while on a leash.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase physical exercise to help stimulate her to have a bowel movement.• If Goose is reluctant to poop while on leash, you can try taking her to a safe, fenced area and letting her go to the bathroom off leash. Alternatively, buy a long line (long leash) so that she has a bit more freedom.• If Goose isn't drinking much, increase water intake by adding water or chicken broth to her food, offering canned food, or even offer ice cubes to play with.• Increase fiber intake. Canned pumpkin added to food can be helpful. Just make sure it is only pumpkin, and not pumpkin pie filling. <p>If Goose hasn't had a bowel movement in over 48 hours, if she has had a poor appetite, is not drinking water, is lethargic, has vomited, or vocalized or strained when trying to poop, please contact your foster coordinator. In rare</p>



cases this could be a serious medical problem and very uncomfortable for Goose.

Additional information:

- [PetMD: Dog Constipation-Causes and Treatment.](#)

How scared does Goose appear to be toward you?

Terrified

Fearful behavior can be a common reaction when adjusting to a new home or environment. It might take time for Goose to relax and become more confident around you and your home.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Provide a safe quiet spot for Goose to retreat to where she can relax and observe without interacting with people or pets in your home.
- If Goose is in her safe spot, don't approach her. If you need Goose, call her and offer treats as a reward for coming to you.
- Establish a consistent daily routine to help Goose know what to expect each day. Include enjoyable activities such as sitting near you while you read, playing, or going on a walk.
- Every time you enter the room or Goose approaches you, toss her a treat. It will help her become more comfortable with you.

If you feel at any time Goose's behavior around you or other family members is worsening, please contact your foster coordinator.

Additional information:

- [FearfulDogs: Home](#)
- [BuzzFeed: 16 Ways to Bond with Your Dog](#)
- [YouTube: Does Your Dog Want to be Petted?](#)

How scared does Goose appear to be toward other adults and/or children?

Terrified

Some dogs have a difficult time adjusting to a new home and new people. Goose is going through a lot of changes and it might take some time and patience for her to relax and become more confident around people.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Provide a safe, quiet spot for Goose to retreat to where she can relax and observe without interacting with people or pets in your home.
- If Goose is in her safe spot, don't approach her. If you need Goose, call her and offer treats as a reward for coming to you.
- Put Goose away in a safe place with a barrier (e.g., pet gate, exercise pen, crate, or shut door) before you allow guests to enter your home.
- Teach your guests to not interact with Goose unless you ask them to. Tell them not to talk to, make eye



- contact with, or approach her. These can be scary interactions for a frightened dog.
- During the visit, toss treats to Goose in her safe spot. You can also give her a food stuffed toy or chew during this time. If Goose becomes more comfortable, you can ask other people to toss treats.
 - If Goose is very anxious around strangers, it is better to visit with friends and family somewhere other than your home until she has settled in.

If you feel at any time Goose's behavior around you, other family members, or strangers is worsening, please contact your foster coordinator.

Additional information:

- [FearfulDogs: Home](#)
- [BuzzFeed: 16 Ways to Bond with Your Dog](#)
- [YouTube: Does Your Dog Want to be Petted?](#)

How scared does Goose appear to be toward dog(s)?

Terrified

Dog relationships can be complicated, and it may take a while for Goose to figure out how she fits in the home.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Give Goose a safe spot so she doesn't have to interact. A crate or bed separated by a gate or in separate room should work.
- Keep meals and prized items (e.g., toys, bones and treats) separate at first.
- With dogs either on leash or separated by a gate, let Goose decide to sniff or approach the other dog. Once she approaches, praise friendly interactions.
- If any growling, snapping or other unwanted behavior occurs, quickly separate the dogs by interrupting them. Call the dogs away or make a loud noise (a clap or a whistle) and move them each into a safe area to keep things from escalating. Let them see each other again in a few minutes.
- Give each dog individual exercise and time with you.

It may take several weeks before your dogs find consistent peace with each other, but if you experience too many negative interactions, please contact your foster coordinator.

Additional information:

- [San Francisco SPCA: Dog-Dog Introductions](#)
- [HSUS: Introducing a New Dog to Your Resident Dog](#)

How scared does Goose appear to be toward cat(s)?

Terrified

It is normal for Goose to be scared of cats. Over time, as Goose settles in, she will likely feel more comfortable with your cat.

Here are some helpful tips:



- Keep your cat and Goose separated from each other until Goose becomes more comfortable.
- Feed Goose a tasty treat while behind a gate or on leash when your cat is near, to form positive associations.
- If Goose approaches your cat, keep her on leash so that she cannot lunge at your cat if she is scared.

If you feel Goose's behavior around cats is worsening or not getting better, please contact your foster coordinator.

Additional information:

- [AmericanHumane: Introducing Dogs to Cats](#)
- [ASPCApro: Living With Cats and Dogs](#)

How scared does Goose appear to be of loud noises?

Terrified

Some dogs are really sensitive to noises. It may take some time for her to settle in and become more comfortable with the noises of her new surroundings.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Do not push, pull or force a terrified dog to accept a noise right away.
- Give Goose a safe spot to retreat to (a crate or dog bed in a quiet location) when she is scared.
- If Goose is afraid of something that she does not need to be around (e.g., the vacuum cleaner, TV, an instrument playing and/or outdoor noises, etc.), let Goose go to her safe spot or put her in another room with a good chew and white noise on.
- Stay calm and praise Goose for calm behavior when the noise is present. Use a happy voice.
- Play with Goose and her favorite toy or give her yummy treats during the noise. This can help her associate the sound with good things.

If you feel Goose's fear is getting worse or presents a danger to you or to others, please contact your foster coordinator.

Additional information:

- [BestFriends: Dog-Scared of Loud Noises](#)
- [HSUS: Fear of Thunder and Other Loud Noises](#)

How scared does Goose appear to be of new objects or environments and/or going outdoors?

Terrified

Some dogs are really scared when adjusting to a new environment. It may take some time for her to settle in and become more comfortable in your home.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Do not push, pull or force a terrified dog to accept something right away.
- Provide a safe spot (bed, crate, separate room) where Goose can relax and retreat to when nervous. She should not be approached in this spot when scared.
- If Goose is afraid of something that she can avoid, such as a broom, let her retreat to a safe spot.



- If she is afraid of something that she must deal with in the home, such as a set of stairs, toss prized treats (boiled chicken, hot dog, cheese) near the item or area so the dog will approach. Praise her in calm, happy voice.
- If Goose is afraid to go outside, go for shorter walks in quiet areas or start by hanging outside quietly and/or playing and praising.

If Goose's fear is worsening or not improving, please contact your foster coordinator.

Additional information: [BCSPCA: Dog Care and Behavior](#) [FearfulDogs: Helping a Fearful Dog](#)

Has Goose seemed grouchy or irritable toward any of the following in the past 24 hours? Check all that apply.

Children

Grouchy or irritable behavior is more likely to be directed at children than adults because children can sometimes behave erratically and don't understand a dog's body language and vocal cues of discomfort and stress.

Here are a few helpful tips:

- Always supervise children closely, when they have access to Goose. If you are unable to supervise, keep Goose somewhere safely away from the children, such as behind a closed door, behind a baby gate or in a crate.
- Give Goose something fun to chew on and play with when separated from you, such as a food stuffed Kong toy or a Nylabone chew.
- Teach children how to appropriately pet and play with dogs. Teach them NOT to hug dogs (unless you say it's ok), tease dogs, or put their face right up to a dog's face.

Please contact your foster coordinator to help manage Goose's behavior.

Additional information:

- [FamilyPaws: Dogs and Babies](#)
- [FamilyPaws: Dogs and Toddlers](#)
- [Sophia Yin: Kids and Dogs](#)
- [FamilyPaws: Success Stations](#)

Check all that apply. Which of the following is occurring toward you?

Biting

Aggression and biting can be a serious problem; however, remember that aggression might be the only way that Goose feels she can communicate her stress or discomfort.

Here are some helpful tips:

- The first and most important thing to do is to seek medical attention for the bite. Your health and the health of others is our first concern, and we want to make sure that everyone is OK.
- Avoid doing whatever provoked the bite—repeating the action that resulted in a bite could result in



ANOTHER BITE, and we certainly don't want that!

Please contact Posey's Humane Society as soon as possible. We want to keep everyone safe and happy in the home.

Additional information:

- [BestFriends: Managing a Dog Who Bites](#)
- [ASPCA: Finding Professional Help](#)
- [ACVB: For the Public](#)
- [Certified Applied Animal Behaviorists](#)

Check all that apply. Within the past 24 hours, Goose has shown this behavior toward you when:

Has food or a high value item (e.g., food wrapper or special toy).

Some dogs guard food or valuable items such as bones or toys. Resource guarding can be normal dog behavior but, if not managed properly, it can also become a problem for people living with dogs.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Avoid giving Goose something valuable that she might guard from you. If you are going to give her something like that, only give it to her in a safe area, like a crate, a room separated by a pet gate or behind a shut door. Call her out of this room before going to pick up the item or trying to interact with her.
- If Goose gets ahold of something you do not want her to have, don't chase her or try to take it away. Instead, trade her for it by offering something better—if she has a sock, offer her a piece of chicken breast.
- Transition Goose to a twice-daily meal-feeding schedule. Offer her a measured amount of food in a bowl in a place safe from interruption (as described above) for 20-30 minutes, or until she is done eating. After that time has passed, call Goose away from this area (use a food treat as a reward for coming to you) and place her in a place away from the room where the food was located. Then you can pick up the bowl and any remaining food.

If you feel Goose's behavior over food or high value items is not getting better or worsens, please contact your foster coordinator.

Additional information:

- [San Francisco SPCA: Food and Resource Guarding](#)
- [ASPCA: Food Guarding](#)

Disturbed during rest or sleep.

Some dogs startle easily when disturbed while resting or sleeping; others might behave aggressively.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Don't allow Goose to sleep on beds, unless it's a dog bed. Accidentally touching her in the middle of the night could result in aggression. Keep Goose in a crate or a different room of your home.
- Don't allow her on furniture but give her a comfortable alternative place to rest out of the way of busy parts of your home.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you wish to interact with Goose while she is resting or sleeping, don't touch her. Call her name or lure her away from the resting place with a treat. If she doesn't come, don't force her.• Never punish Goose for aggressive behavior or try to dominate her with force. This often makes things worse. <p>If you feel at any time Goose's aggression is not getting better, is worsening or is concerning you, contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HSUS: Dog Aggression• HSUS: Nothing in Life is Free
<p>Touched or petted.</p>	<p>Some dogs show fearful, grouchy or irritable behavior when touched or reached for.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid all situations that cause this behavior.• If Goose doesn't like to be reached for, don't reach for her. If she doesn't like to have her feet touched, don't touch her feet.• Avoid allowing her on furniture but give her a comfortable alternative place to rest out of the way of busy areas of your home.• Never punish Goose or try to dominate her with force. Simply call her away and remove her from the situation that is causing the problem.• Take a positive reinforcement dog training class so Goose can learn basic training cues and you can form a positive relationship together. <p>If you feel at any time Goose's behavior is not improving or is worsening, please contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Positively: Fear Aggression• HSUS: Dog Aggression• HSUS: Nothing in Life is Free
<p>Brushed or groomed.</p>	<p>Some dogs show fearful, grouchy or irritable behavior when groomed, especially if grooming has been painful or uncomfortable in the past.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid all situations that cause this behavior.• If Goose doesn't like to be groomed or brushed, don't groom her. If she doesn't like to have her feet or ears touched, don't touch her feet or ears.• Infection or irritation may be causing pain, so we encourage you to have Goose examined by a veterinarian before you attempt to groom her again.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Never punish Goose or try to dominate her with force. Simply call her away and remove her from the situation that is causing the problem.• Take a positive reinforcement dog training class so Goose can learn basic training cues and you can form a positive relationship together. <p>If you feel at any time Goose's behavior is not improving or is worsening, please contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• VetsStreet: Soothe Your Dogs Grooming Anxiety• Positively: Fear Aggression• HSUS: Dog Aggression
<p>Her collar is grabbed.</p>	<p>Some dogs show fearful, grouchy or irritable behavior when their collar is reached for or grabbed.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid all situations that cause this behavior.• If Goose does not like to have her collar grabbed, don't grab her collar.• We recommend using a harness to walk Goose, instead of attaching a leash to her collar.• Avoid allowing her on furniture - so you won't have to grab her collar to get her off - but give her a comfortable alternative place to rest out of the way of busy areas of your home.• Never punish Goose or try to dominate her with force. Simply call her away and remove her from the situation that is causing the problem.• Take a positive reinforcement dog training class so Goose can learn basic training cues and you can form a positive relationship together. <p>If you feel at any time Goose's behavior is not getting better or is worsening, please contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Positively: Fear Aggression• HSUS: Dog Aggression
<p>Walked on a leash.</p>	<p>Some dogs show fear, grouchy or irritable behavior while they are restrained by a leash.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid interactions with people that cause Goose to react negatively on leash.• You will need to properly fit Goose for a humane "no pull" harness. This can be a head collar like a Gentle Leader, an Easy Walk Harness, Freedom, or Sensation harness. These will give you better control and help you turn and redirect Goose to avoid triggers on walks. These are available at most pet supply stores or online.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Goose should never be physically reprimanded. This will often only make matters worse. It could also reinforce Goose's fear of the situation. Move away and praise her in a happy voice.• Take a positive reinforcement dog training class so Goose can learn basic training cues and you can form a positive relationship together. <p>Please contact your foster coordinator about this problem as soon as possible.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PawRescue: Leash Aggression• HSUS: Canine Aggression• PetExpertise: No-Pull Devices• San Francisco SPCA: Introducing Your Dog to New Things
<p>Approached.</p>	<p>Some dogs show fear with grouchy or irritable behavior if approached while afraid.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid all situations that cause this behavior.• If Goose doesn't like to be stared at, don't stare at her. If she doesn't like to have people approach her, give her space.• Never punish Goose or try to dominate her with force. Simply call her away and remove her from the situation that is causing the problem.• Take a positive reinforcement dog training class so Goose can learn basic training cues and you can form a positive relationship together. <p>If you feel at any time Goose's behavior is not getting better, is concerning to you or is worsening, please contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Positively: Fear Aggression• HSUS: Dog Aggression
<p>Reprimanded.</p>	<p>Some dogs react negatively to being yelled at or reprimanded.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid all situations that cause aggression.• Work on training Goose to do what you want her to do rather than reprimanding her for the behavior you don't like.• Never punish Goose or try to dominate her with force. This can often increase Goose's stress instead of getting her to listen to you.• Practice positive non-confrontational leadership. This uses basic training cues that allow dogs to gain access



to the things they want, such as food, toys, treats, attention, play and exercise. This is often referred to as the "Say Please" program. Here is a link to some information on this form of training: [HSUS: Nothing in Life is Free](#)

If you feel at any time Goose's aggression is not getting better, is concerning to you or is worsening, please contact your foster coordinator.

Additional information:

- [Positively: Fear Aggression](#)
- [HSUS: Dog Aggression](#)

Check all that apply. Which of the following is occurring toward other adults and/or children?

Biting

Aggression and biting can be a serious problem; however, remember that aggression might be the only way that Goose feels she can communicate her stress or discomfort.

Here are some helpful tips:

- The first and most important thing to do is to seek medical attention for the bite. Your health and the health of others is our first concern, and we want to make sure that everyone is OK.
- Avoid doing whatever provoked the bite—repeating the action that resulted in a bite could result in ANOTHER BITE, and we certainly don't want that!

Please contact Posey's Humane Society as soon as possible. We want to keep everyone safe and happy in the home.

Additional information:

- [BestFriends: Managing a Dog Who Bites](#)
- [ASPCA: Finding Professional Help](#)
- [ACVB: For the Public](#)
- [Certified Applied Animal Behaviorists](#)

Check all that apply. Within the past 24 hours, Goose has shown grouchy or irritable behavior toward other adults and/or children when:

Has food or a high value item (e.g., food wrapper or special toy).

Some dogs guard food or valuable items such as bones or toys. Guarding can be normal dog behavior but can also become a problem, especially around children or people unfamiliar with Goose.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Before visitors arrive, tell them that Goose might guard things that she considers valuable, such as bones and special toys. Ask visitors not to bring any gifts or special toys for Goose and to never approach her while she is eating or chewing on something.
- Don't leave food or other valuable items out around your home when unfamiliar people are visiting. Pick them up and put them safely away before visitors arrive.
- Don't give Goose food or valuable items that she might guard when unfamiliar people are visiting. If you must



	<p>give her something like that (e.g., at mealtime), put her in a safe area (e.g., a crate or separate room) first. Call her out of this area before picking the item up or allowing the children or visitors to interact with Goose.</p> <p>If you feel at any time Goose's behavior over food or high value items is not getting better or is worsening, please contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• San Francisco SPCA: Food and Resource Guarding• ASPCA: Food Guarding
<p>Disturbed during rest or sleep.</p>	<p>Dogs who startle or behave aggressively when disturbed while resting or sleeping are often reacting to stress. You can reduce Goose's stress and improve your visitors' safety by managing this problem.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The best and safest thing to do is to keep Goose separated from unfamiliar people who come to your home.• Keep Goose behind a baby gate, in a crate, or in a separate room when you have visitors in your home.• Tell visitors about this issue and instruct them to never touch or disturb Goose while she is resting or asleep. <p>If you feel at any time Goose's aggression is not getting better or is worsening, please contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HSUS: Dog Aggression
<p>Touched or petted.</p>	<p>Some dogs are grouchy or irritable when touched or petted due to fear, and may show aggression if touched or reached for by someone who is unfamiliar.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid all situations that cause aggression. Don't let people touch or pet Goose. If they want to interact with her, ask them to toss her treats.• Keep Goose secured in a separate room or crate, away from the visitors.• Do not let strangers pet her if approached on a walk. You can say something like, "This dog is nervous around strangers." Or, "This dog does not like to be pet." <p>If you feel at any time Goose's aggression is not getting better or is worsening, please contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Positively: Fear Aggression• HSUS: Dog Aggression



Brushed or groomed.

Some dogs show grouchy or irritable behavior due to fear or discomfort, and may show aggression when groomed, especially if grooming has been painful or uncomfortable in the past.

Here are some helpful tips:

- If Goose doesn't like to be groomed or brushed, don't groom her. If she needs to be groomed, take her to a groomer.
- Infection or irritation may be causing pain, so contact your foster coordinator to have Goose examined by a veterinarian before you attempt to groom her again.
- Never punish Goose or try to dominate her with force. This can often make grouchy or irritable behavior worse.

If you feel at any time Goose's aggression is not getting better or is worsening, please contact your foster coordinator.

Additional information:

- [Positively: Fear Aggression](#)
- [HSUS: Dog Aggression](#)

Her collar is grabbed.

Some dogs show grouchy and irritable behaviors when fearful, and may show these behaviors if their collar is grabbed or reached for.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Avoid all situations that cause aggression.
- Ask visitors to ignore Goose. Do not have them reach for her or try to pet her. Use a harness to walk Goose, instead of attaching a leash to her collar. This will allow you to avoid having to reach for Goose's head or neck.
- Do not let strangers pet her if approached on a walk. You can say something like, "This dog is nervous around strangers." Or, "This dog does not like to be pet."
- Never punish Goose or use force with her. Simply call her away (use a treat if needed to lure her) and remove her from the situation that is causing the problem.
- Take a positive reinforcement dog training class so Goose can learn basic training cues and you can form a positive relationship together.

If you feel at any time Goose's behavior is worsening or not getting better, please contact your foster coordinator.

Additional information:

- [Positively: Fear Aggression](#)
- [HSUS: Dog Aggression](#)
- [HSUS: Nothing in Life is Free](#)



<p>Walked on a leash.</p>	<p>Some dogs show fear, grouchy or irritable behavior toward unfamiliar people when leashed.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid interactions with other dogs, people or other animals that cause Goose to react negatively on leash.• Use a “no pull” harness or collar. This can be a head collar like a Gentle Leader or an Easy Walk Harness. These will give you better control and are available at most pet supply stores or online.• Take Goose out at low traffic times, when you are less likely to encounter unfamiliar people. If someone unfamiliar is walking toward you, change your direction or cross the street.• Goose should never be physically punished. This will often only make matters worse. It could also reinforce Goose’s fear of the situation.• Take a positive reinforcement dog training class so Goose can learn basic training cues and you can form a positive relationship together. <p>If you feel at any time Goose’s behavior is worsening or not getting better, please contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PawRescue: Leash Aggression• HSUS: Dog Aggression• San Francisco SPCA: Introducing Your Dog to New Things• PetExpertise: Pulling on Leash
<p>Approached.</p>	<p>Some dogs show grouchy and irritable behaviors when frightened of someone who is unfamiliar to them.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid all situations that cause aggression.• Keep Goose secured in a separate room or crate, away from the visitors.• Avoid walking toward strangers on a walk. Change your direction or cross the street if strangers are approaching. Walk during less busy times, when Goose is less likely to encounter other people on walks.• Take a positive reinforcement dog training class so Goose can learn basic training cues and you can form a positive relationship together. <p>If you feel at any time Goose’s behavior is worsening or not getting better, please contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Positively: Fear Aggression• HSUS: Dog Aggression• HSUS: Nothing in Life is Free



Reprimanded.

Some dogs show grouchy and irritable behaviors when fearful or upset, and may show these behaviors if reprimanded or yelled at by someone who is unfamiliar.

Here are some helpful tips:

- People who don't know Goose should NEVER reprimand her.
- Educate visitors that if Goose does something they don't like, they should tell you and not reprimand Goose themselves.
- Never punish Goose or use force with her. Simply call her away from the situation that is causing the problem.
- Goose should never be physically reprimanded. This will often only make matters worse.
- Take a positive reinforcement dog training class so Goose can learn basic training cues and you can form a positive relationship together.

If you feel at any time Goose's behavior is worsening or not getting better, please contact your foster coordinator.

Additional information:

- [Positively: Fear Aggression](#)
- [HSUS: Dog Aggression](#)
- [HSUS: Nothing in Life is Free](#)

Check all that apply. Which of the following is occurring toward dog(s)?

Biting

Aggression and biting can be a serious problem; however, remember that aggression might be the only way that Goose feels she can communicate her stress or discomfort.

Here are some helpful tips:

- The first and most important thing to do is to seek veterinary attention for the bite. Your health and the health of others is our first concern, and we want to make sure that the dog who was bitten is ok.
- If possible, prevent the dog from doing whatever provoked the bite - repeating the action that resulted in a bite could result in ANOTHER BITE, and we certainly don't want that!
- If it is not possible to prevent the interaction that resulted in aggression, keep the pets separated from each other.

Please contact Posey's Humane Society as soon as possible. We want to keep everyone safe and happy in the home.

Additional information:

- [BestFriends: Managing a Dog Who Bites](#)
- [ASPCA: Finding Professional Help](#)
- [ACVB: For the Public](#)
- [Certified Applied Animal Behaviorists](#)



Check all that apply. Within the past 24 hours, Goose has shown grouchy or irritable behavior toward dog(s) when:

Has food or a high value item (e.g., food wrapper or special toy).

Sometimes dogs aggressively protect food and/or prized items from other dogs. Keeping things safe should always be your priority.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Do not let other dogs near Goose while she is eating or has something valuable.
- At mealtimes, physically separate Goose from other dogs. Put up a gate or crate her.
- Do not give Goose chew toys or other toys that she might guard, unless she is in a crate or separated from other dogs in your home.

If you feel at any time Goose's behavior over food or high value items is worsening, please contact your foster coordinator.

Additional information:

- [San Francisco SPCA: Food and Resource Guarding](#)

Disturbed during rest or sleep.

Dog relationships can be very complicated, and it may take a while for Goose to figure out how she fits in your home.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Give each dog separate items, such as food bowls and beds, and keep them separated when eating or sleeping.
- Provide a safe, quiet spot for Goose to retreat to where she can relax and observe without having to interact with the other animals in the home.
- If any growling or other unwanted behavior occurs, be quick to separate the dogs by interrupting them with a loud noise and then calling each dog away and into a safe area to keep things from escalating.

The key to any successful relationship is time and patience, so don't rush your dogs into any interactions they are not comfortable with. It may take several weeks before the dogs interact with each other positively. Contact your foster coordinator for advice.

Additional information:

- [HSUS: Introducing Dogs](#)

Approached.

It may take some time for your resident dog and Goose to adjust to their new lives together, but a poor exchange or greeting doesn't have to mean a failed relationship. The key to a positive relationship is avoiding negative interactions.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Each dog should wear a well-fitting collar or harness with a leash attached, and ideally one person per dog



	<p>should be present during interaction until they are more comfortable with each other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Watch their body language and separate them when necessary, ideally using obedience cues or interrupting them to engage in a different activity (such as playing independently with a favored toy). Try introductions again after each dog has had time to calm down.• Having separate areas for the dogs using baby gates, crates and/or shut doors can help ensure the safety of each dog. <p>If you feel at any time Goose's aggression is worsening or not getting better, please contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best Friends: Dog Introductions
<p>Walked on a leash.</p>	<p>Some dogs can show grouchy and irritable behavior towards other dogs while on leash, but there are things you can do that can help manage the issue or improve leash manners.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid interactions with other dogs, people or other animals that cause Goose to react negatively on leash.• Use a humane "no pull" harness or collar. This can be a head collar like a Gentle Leader or an Easy Walk Harness. These will give you better control and are available at most pet supply stores or online.• Take Goose out for walks at less busy times when you are less likely to encounter other dogs on walks. If you see a dog coming toward you, change your direction or cross the street. Move away and praise Goose in a happy voice.• Never punish or reprimand Goose for these behaviors. This could cause her fear to worsen or even teach her to hide warning signs, such as growling. It could also increase Goose's fear of the situation. <p>If you feel at any time Goose's behavior is worsening or not getting better, please contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PawRescue: Leash Aggression• San Francisco SPCA: Aggression on Leash• PetExpertise: Problems Pulling on Leash
<p>She is in an outdoor area.</p>	<p>Some dogs will show grouchy and irritable behaviors toward other dogs in different situations. Dogs can be selective about which dogs they tolerate, and which dogs they won't.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid dog parks and popular off leash hiking trails to keep everyone safe.• Use a humane "no-pull" harness or head collar, such as a Gentle Leader, or an Easy Walk Harness. These will give you better control and are available at most pet supply stores or online.



- If you encounter a loose dog on a walk, toss a handful of treats at the dog to stop its approach, then firmly tell the dog to sit or go home.

Please contact your foster coordinator for advice on how to manage Goose's behavior.

Additional information: [PawRescue: Avoiding Dog Fights](#) [PetExpertise: Problems Pulling on Leash](#)

Check all that apply. Which of the following is occurring toward cat(s)?

Biting Aggression and biting can be a serious problem, especially with a dog who is much bigger than your cat.

Here are some helpful tips:

- The first and most important thing to do is to seek veterinary attention for the bite. Your health and the health of others is our first concern, and we want to make sure that the cat who was bitten is ok.
- Keep Goose separated from your cat.
- Please contact your foster coordinator as soon as possible for additional help related to this issue; our goal is to reduce stress and keep you safe.

Additional information:

- [BestFriends: Managing a Dog Who Bites](#)
- [ASPCA: Finding Professional Help](#)
- [ACVB: For the Public](#)
- [Certified Applied Animal Behaviorists](#)

Check all that apply. Within the past 24 hours, Goose has shown grouchy or irritable behavior toward cat(s) when:

Has food or a high value item (e.g., food wrapper or special toy). Some dogs can show grouchy and irritable behaviors toward an unfamiliar cat over food or food-related items. Keeping things safe should always be your priority.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Put Goose in a crate or behind a closed door to safely separate her from the cat.
- Some dogs will guard food that people are eating when a cat approaches. Keep Goose separated from the cat when people are eating.
- If you wish to give Goose a valuable toy, give it to her in a crate or behind a closed door.

Please contact your foster coordinator to discuss this issue.

Additional information:

- [San Francisco SPCA: Food and Resource Guarding](#)

Disturbed during rest or sleep. Some dogs might show grouchy, irritable or chase behaviors toward unfamiliar cats when the cat disturbs them while resting/sleeping. Keeping things safe should always be your priority.



	<p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If unfamiliar cats are visiting your home, provide a safe, quiet spot for Goose where she can relax and observe without having to interact with other people or animals in the home (e.g., a dog crate).• Separate Goose and any cat when they are not being supervised, either in different rooms with the door shut or with Goose in a crate. Provide your cat with a safe area as well, such as an area behind a baby gate or high on a cat tree, which Goose can't get to. <p>If you feel at any time Goose's behavior around cats is worsening or not getting better, please contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BestFriends: How to Introduce a Dog to a Cat• PetMD: How to Introduce a Dog to a Cat
<p>Approached.</p>	<p>Some dogs might show grouchy or irritable behavior toward cats when they are approached by them. Keeping things safe should always be your priority.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Separate Goose and any cat when they are not being supervised, either in different rooms with the door shut or with Goose in a crate.• Provide your cat with a safe area as well, such as an area behind a baby gate or high on a cat tree, which Goose can't get to. <p>If you feel at any time Goose's behavior is worsening or is not getting better, please contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information: BestFriends: How to Introduce a Dog to a Cat PetMD: How to Introduce a Dog to a Cat</p>
<p>Walked on a leash.</p>	<p>Some dogs might show grouchy, irritable or chase behaviors toward cats while they are on leash. Keeping things safe should always be your priority.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain leash control of Goose whenever she is near the cat and don't go outside at the same time as the cat. She should have a well-fitted collar, head collar, or harness on her and a leash attached.• Separate Goose from cats when outdoors by taking her inside or leaving the area with her. <p>If you feel at any time Goose's behavior is worsening or not getting better, please contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BestFriends: How to Introduce a Dog to a Cat• SophiaYin: The Learn to Earn Program



<p>She is in an outdoor area.</p>	<p>Some dogs might show grouchy, irritable or chase behaviors toward unfamiliar cats when they are outdoors. Keeping things safe should always be your priority.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain leash control of Goose whenever she is outdoors and don't let her outside if cats are outdoors. She should have a well-fitted collar, head collar, or harness on her and a leash attached.• Separate Goose from cats when outdoors by taking her inside or leaving the area with her. <p>If Goose's behavior worsens or does not get better, contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BestFriends: How to Introduce a Dog to a Cat• PetMD: How to Introduce a Dog to a Cat
<p>She sees a cat.</p>	<p>Some dogs might show grouchy, irritable or chase behaviors toward cats whenever they see them. Keeping things safe should always be your priority.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Separate Goose and your cat, either in different rooms with the door shut or with Goose in a crate.• Provide your cat with a safe area as well, such as a separate room with a door or high on a cat tree, which Goose can't get to.• Contact your foster coordinator for advice about this issue. <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BestFriends: How to Introduce a Dog to a Cat• DrSophiaYin: The Learn to Earn Program
<p>Check all that apply. Has Goose damaged/destroyed any household items?</p>	
<p>Yes, when someone was home</p>	<p>So, Goose is chewing on items you think she shouldn't? While it may be upsetting, it's important to know that it's normal for dogs to like to chew on things!</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The key to managing chewing behavior is offering appropriate and interesting things to chew on while making items you don't want chewed unavailable or less desirable.• When you cannot directly supervise Goose, she should be confined to a room or comfortable crate where she has no access to furniture or other items you don't want her to chew.• If Goose chews on a forbidden item while you are supervising her, you can interrupt and then redirect her away from the object to a more appropriate chew toy. <p>If you feel at any time Goose's destructive behavior is accompanied by signs of anxiety, other unwanted behaviors or</p>



	<p>is not getting better or is worsening, please contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASPCA: Destructive Chewing
<p>Yes, when no one was home</p>	<p>Dogs may chew on items when alone for a lot of reasons, including stress or frustration, separation distress or anxiety, boredom, or lack of exercise.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some dogs destroy things when left alone due to separation anxiety. If Goose's destructive behavior is directed at exits to your home (doors or windows), please seek the help of a qualified positive reinforcement trainer, behaviorist or veterinarian as soon as possible.• The key to managing chewing behavior is offering appropriate and interesting things to chew on while making items you don't want chewed unavailable or less desirable.• Give Goose multiple different toys to chew on when you aren't home.• When you cannot directly supervise Goose, she should be confined to a room or comfortable crate where she has no access to furniture or other items you don't want her to chew. <p>If you feel at any time Goose's destructive behavior is accompanied by signs of anxiety, other unwanted behaviors or is not getting better or is worsening, please contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASPCA: Destructive Chewing

Is Goose barking when left alone?

<p>Yes, always</p>	<p>You noted that Goose often barks when you aren't home. It sounds like you need some help, as this is likely a sign that your dog is stressed or unhappy.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dogs bark when alone for many reasons, such as separation distress or anxiety, a territorial reaction to people or animals outside, fear of noises, boredom, or lack of exercise.• Do not punish Goose for barking in your absence. This might stop the barking, but doesn't address Goose's anxiety or frustration and could result in her performing other unwanted behaviors, such as destructive behavior.• Walk Goose for 20-30 minutes before leaving her alone.• Give Goose an interesting, long lasting food toy or safe chew to occupy her while alone.• You can leave soothing music, TV, or a sound machine on to help muffle outside noises. You can also close
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blinds to windows where Goose might see people or animals go by when alone.
If these tips aren't working, contact your foster coordinator.

Additional information:

- [ASPCA: Barking](#)

Has Goose inappropriately pooped or peed when you left her alone at the residence?

Yes

You noted that Goose is peeing or pooping when left alone. This is common when a dog is adjusting to a new environment and should improve over time as Goose becomes more comfortable with her new schedule, environment and rules.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Make sure Goose has a chance to go to the bathroom outdoors before you leave her alone.
- You can confine Goose to a safe, secure, easily cleanable location such as a tiled room or crate, if she is comfortable in it.
- Make sure you make arrangements for her to go to the bathroom if you cannot come home in a reasonable amount of time. Puppies should not be expected to hold their bladders for longer than 3-4 hours. Adult dogs can hold their bladders longer, but don't expect Goose to be able to hold it as long as dogs that have been living with you for a long time.

If you feel at any time Goose's elimination when alone isn't improving or she is showing other signs of distress when alone, please contact your foster coordinator.

Additional information:

- [VeterinaryPartner: Housetraining an Adult Dog](#)

Is Goose regularly pacing, barking, whining, panting, drooling, or following you everywhere you go when you are about to leave your home?

Yes

You noted that Goose is having problems when you prepare to leave. This could be normal adjustment to a new home but could also be consistent with separation related anxiety or distress.

Separation related distress behaviors can include: following you excessively, pacing, barking, whining, panting or drooling as you prepare to leave; urinating or defecating when alone; excessive drooling when alone; refusal to eat treats or food when alone; attempting to escape the home in your absence, and/or destructive behaviors when alone.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Many of these behaviors are common during the initial transition into a new home and will often go away within a few weeks as Goose becomes more comfortable.
- Do not punish Goose if you return home to find a mess.
- Walk Goose for 20-30 minutes before leaving her alone.



- Give Goose an interesting, long lasting food toy or safe chew so she has something to occupy her while alone.

Additional information: [ASPCA: Separation Anxiety](#)

Check all that apply. Does Goose exhibit any of the following behaviors to the extent that they could be bothersome to an adopter?

Taking items off counters or tables

You noted that Goose has been “counter surfing” or stealing food from tables or countertops.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Remove temptation. Do not leave food out.
- Block access to the kitchen with baby gates any time there is food on the counter or table.
- Use a crate or tether her where she can't reach the counter or table when you are preparing food or eating.

If Goose's counter surfing is worsening or not improving, contact your foster coordinator.

Additional information: [San Francisco SPCA: Counter Surfing](#)

Excessive barking or vocalizing

Dogs bark for a variety of reasons, generally in order to communicate something. Barking is a normal behavior, but sometimes excessive barking can become troublesome.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Do not give barking any attention, positive or negative. Remember, some dogs will perceive negative attention (such as yelling) as better than no attention at all.
- Do not pet Goose, talk to her, attach a leash, or put her food bowl down, etc., until she is quiet.
- Provide enough exercise for Goose with walks and play.

If Goose's barking is worsening, please contact your foster coordinator.

Additional information: [HSUS: Stopping Barking](#) [ASPCA: Barking](#)

Play biting or being “mouthy”

Some dogs can be “mouthy” when playing or interacting with you or others. Typically, they are just excited and mean no harm, but sometimes mouthing can hurt humans and needs to be handled.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Substitute a toy or chew when Goose starts to mouth you.
- Provide outlets for her mouthing on a daily basis with chew bones and interactive food puzzle toys. See the link below.
- Encourage exercise, activity and games that do not include body contact (e.g., walks, fetch and tug of war).
- Discourage mouthing by not wrestling with Goose and stopping movement of your body and limbs when she mouths. If she does not stop mouthing, stay calm, stop paying attention, and walk away if necessary.

If Goose's mouthy behavior worsens, please contact your foster coordinator.



	<p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASPCA: Mouthing, Nipping and Play Biting in Adult Dogs• Richmond SPCA: Addressing Mouthy Behavior in Adult Dogs• TullysTraining: The Best Puzzle Toys to Keep Your Dog Busy
<p>Jumping up on people</p>	<p>You noted Goose is jumping up on people. This can be a frustrating behavior, but it usually comes from a friendly place. Dogs want to greet their friends face to face, so they resort to jumping to greet humans.</p> <p>Here are some helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not give Goose attention for jumping; no pushing, petting, looking at, talking to or yelling at her. Some dogs might see this as encouragement. Only give her attention when all four feet are on the floor.• When she jumps, step back, turn your back, look up and cross your arms until all four feet are on the floor, then greet and reward her.• Keep initial greetings low key, and make sure everyone else does too. Sometimes getting guests on board can be the hardest part, so if they can't play along, don't let your dog greet them at the door. You can crate her, gently hold her back with a leash, or put her in another room when guests first come in. <p>If Goose's jumpy behavior worsens or is not getting better, please contact your foster coordinator.</p> <p>Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Humane Society of the United States: Jumping• San Francisco SPCA: Dog Jumping