



Lamont 281449: What to Expect

Lamont is a graduate of our Behavior Modification Program and is looking for a special home. Lamont is a happy playful puppy who is entertained with toys, romps in the yard, playdates with known dogs, meeting new people, and cuddles on the couch. Lamont is entering his “adolescent phase” in growth and as his brain develops, he will start to test the boundaries and limits of the world. When excited Lamont will jump on people, grab their shoelaces or loose-fitting clothes, take treats roughly from their hands, and can bite at the leash. We have been successful in using positive training techniques to help him understand what behavior is appropriate when in these heightened states. He will need continued socialization in his new home so he can continue to grow into a well-adjusted adult dog. Socialization comes in the form of controlled playdates with known dogs who enjoy his energy, continued training in and outside of the home, and confidence building with his owners, so he knows they’re trustworthy. A training and socialization plan should be started as soon as Lamont enters his new home. The Behavior and Training team at OHS will help you determine what the best training plan will be for you and Lamont before he is adopted to ensure his continued success in your home.

Lamont is incredibly smart and loves to learn with treat training! During his time at OHS he has learned how to sit, wait at doors, lay down, go to bed, walk on a leash, and is working on crate training. His new owners should continue this training so he can continue to be a well-mannered adult by taking some training classes. Training classes help strengthen the bond between owner and dog by creating clear and precise communication so there are no misunderstandings. You can find more info about our training classes on our website at (<https://www.oregonhumane.org/training/training-at-ohs/>).

Lamont would do well in a home with a family who is active, has experience with dogs and/or is willing to continue to learn, doesn’t have small children, and no small animals like cats. Puppies need a lot of attention in their first 1.5-2 years of life to ensure they will grow into a proper canine citizen. If done so early and consistently Lamont will grow into the perfect dog who will be everything you want him to be and more.

Here’s how to help Lamont settle in during your first months together:

Designate a “safe spot” in your home. You can use a crate or taller baby gates to confine them to a smaller area where they have access to water, bed, and toys. When you are unable to supervise the dog, leave them in their safe spot. Slowly work toward leaving them alone, unsecured, once they’ve had the chance to settle into your home and you know with certainty, they will be comfortable.

If you’re having people over, put Lamont on leash so they learn to not dart out the front door or jump all over people. Once everyone is sitting down and calm you can drop the leash and allow your dog to decide if they want to go say hi to your guests. Ensure your guests ask Lamont to sit before being pet so they’re rewarded for keeping 4 feet on the floor.



[NAME]’s “safe spot” when no one is home.

Practice crate training. Start by feeding meals in a wire crate and work your way up from there. It will be in your best interest to **slowly** increase time in the crate, so they view it as a safe, comfortable spot. When you cannot monitor your dog in the home, allow them some time to settle and relax in the crate.

“Puppy proof” your home and practice tether training to prevent them from getting into puppy/adolescent trouble. When home have Lamont on leash, attached to you or tethered to a large piece of furniture as you go about your daily routine. This will help with potty training, bonding, and creating boundaries within the home. Let Lamont drag the leash around the house or yard from time to time to simulate “freedom”, but do not let them off leash until they can 100% be trusted not to get into things they shouldn’t. This could take up to a few weeks. Crate Lamont when you cannot watch them. This will ensure their puppy curiosity doesn’t get them into any trouble. You will have long lasting success if you follow this method.

Don’t take Lamont to busy places where they will have lots of uncontrolled interactions with people/dogs (such as Saturday Market, off-leash dog parks, coffee shops, walks down Hawthorne St., Home Depot, etc.) until you’ve both practiced some public puppy manners. It will help keep Lamont cool, calm, and collected around high distractions instead of becoming overwhelmed and overaroused.

Visiting the Vet: Unless it is an emergency, give your dog plenty of time to bond to you before taking them to your vet. Lamont does very well at the vet, they handle meeting new being well. The vet can still be a scary place. Bringing tasty treats like cheese and/or hot dogs can help make the experience more pleasant.

Try using **Adaptil (Dog Appeasing Pheromone)** or **Rescue Remedy by Bach Flower Essences**. These products may help dogs settle in new environments by easing the stress associated with change.

We’re here to help!

We want Bowtie to be successful in your home. We’re available to answer questions via phone and email. During your first two months with Bowtie, we can also set up a free one-on-one consultation. For questions or to schedule an appointment, contact Annika at **(503) 802-6713** or annikah@oregonhumane.org.

Please keep in touch so we can continue to help you now and in the future. Reach out if you have questions or concerns, or just to give an update. We love to see photos and hear how our friends are doing! Thank you for adopting from the Oregon Humane Society. Congratulations on your new dog!