Chupa Chups 284555: What to Expect

Chupa Chups is a graduate of our Behavior Modification Program and is looking for a special home. Chupa Chups has so much happy in his heart that he can't help but share his happiness with everyone around him, whether it's getting the zoomies, showering you in kisses, or playing with toys and other dogs for hours on end. He is an incredibly affectionate and playful dog and loves meeting new people and dogs to interact with. Chupa Chups was found wandering around 1,000 Acre Dog Park on three separate occasions by good Samaritans before he was surrendered to OHS. During his time at OHS he's shown us he is incredibly sweet and cuddly with people and super playful with other dogs. He does have the ability to jump over a 5-foot fence and likely higher if given the right motivation, like saying hi to another dog or chasing a cat. He has incredible hops and the ability to jump straight up and kiss you on the mouth when he's excited to meet people.

As an adolescent dog he is still learning how to regulate his emotions and sometimes his overexcitement or frustration can come out by jumping or grabbing at loose fitting clothes or the leash. Due to this behavior, we don't think he would do well in a home with young children who could easily be knocked over by his exuberance. We've been working on his training while at OHS to help curb some of this behavior, but he will need a mindful owner and home to ensure he stays secure in a yard and continues to make strides on his manners. Chupa Chups knows how to sit, lay down, walk nicely on leash, and leave it by utilizing positive reinforcement techniques and setting him up for success. Chupa Chups would benefit from taking some training classes with his new owners and would love to learn more alongside his family in a training class. 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/).

Due to the nature of him being found wandering an open space dog park we do not think he would be a good candidate for off leash adventures until he's had extensive training with his new owners. He would do best in a home where the owners have a secure 6ft+ fence and will keep an eye on him while outdoors to ensure his safety. He is incredibly playful and respectful of other dogs but has the athleticism to take off running or clear fences to go meet other dogs. We do think he would love to be an adventure dog taking hikes, going swimming, running around on a long leash at the beach, or even joining you on a neighborhood job/run!

Here's how to help Chupa Chups settle in during your first months together:

Supervise your dog outside. Even if you have a fenced yard, please do not let Chupa Chups out alone. They are incredibly athletic and could easily jump a lower fence or crawl through a gap in the fence. Consider leaving a long leash on him while he's outside with you in case he tries to hope over a fence. We think it will take time for him to adjust to living in a new home, at least 3 months, before he's comfortable and bonded with his new owners.

Use routine to get Chupa Chups comfortable in their new home. It will take a couple weeks for Chupa Chups to feel comfortable in their new home and with you. Having a predictable schedule will help them adjust to their new home.

If you're having people over, put Chupa Chups 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 Chupa Chups to sit before being pet so they're rewarded for keeping 4 feet on the floor.

Chupa Chups needs daily exercise to reduce stress. Chupa Chups loves to go for runs, walks, play fetch, and chase a flirt pole. Giving your dog a healthy outlet for some of their energy will help them settle during calm hours at 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 Chupa Chups 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 Chupa Chups 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 Chupa Chups 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 Chupa Chups 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.).

Visiting the Vet: Unless it is an emergency, give your dog plenty of time to bond to you before taking them to your vet. Chupa Chups 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 Chupa Chups to be successful in your home. We're available to answer questions via phone and email. During your first two months with Chupa Chups, 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!