



## Radio 330216: What to Expect

**Radio is a graduate of our Behavior Modification Program and is looking for a special home.** Radio is an active young dog looking for a home where he can get up and go adventure alongside his human family. He is a young growing dog who is affectionate and incredibly motivated by treats and loves to learn new things. He already knows how to sit, lay down, stay, and walks well on leash. Radio loves learning new things and would be a joy to train new fun tricks or dog sports with as he loves water and has a confident curious nature. Anyone interested in the ultimate adventure buddy would find a lot of joy with Radio. We have introduced Radio to dogs during his time at OHS, and he's shown he's affiliative and neutral with other dogs but would be best matched with dogs who are dog social as he still has a lot of puppy mannerisms. He would do well in a home where he can play with other dogs in a controlled setting like a backyard or SniffSpot with known dogs, but dog parks should be avoided as they will be quite overwhelming for him. A pet meet is required before adoption. Radio's goofy and boisterous personality is sure to brighten your day and keep you smiling and laughing.

Radio is a high energy dog who will need appropriate outlets for his energy and breed specific needs. When his needs are not met, he can find other alternatives to relieving his energy like barking, digging in his water bowl, and jumping up on people and biting at the leash. We have been working on helping Radio learn some impulse control and emotional regulation while meeting his breed specific needs in exercise and enrichment. When Radio's handlers are engaged and focused, and his needs are met he is an affectionate dog who can hangout and tackle any new task. His future family would benefit from taking a training class to maintain and rein in his puppy impulses as he matures into an adult dog. Due to his energy, size, and inability to control his body at this time we feel a home without tiny children, but with older children could be the best fit for Radio. He is untested with cats.

### **Here's how to help Radio settle in during your first months together:**

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

**Radio needs daily exercise to reduce stress.** Radio 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.

**Work on having Radio settle on a mat, dog bed, or cot** and gently praise them for lying down. If they get up to pace, call them back and use a treat to lure them into a down again. If Radio is on leash, you can hold them with approximately 4 feet of leash and wait until they offer a settle by lying down. Softly praise and treat when they do this.

**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 Radio 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 Radio 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 Radio 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.

**Take a training class.** Radio would benefit from taking some training classes with their new owners and would love to learn more alongside their 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/>).

**Don't take Radio 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. Radio does very well at the vet, they handle meeting new people 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 Radio to be successful in your home. We're available to answer questions via phone and email. During your first two months with Radio, we can also set up a free one-on-one consultation. For questions or to schedule an appointment, contact us at **(503) 285-1145** or [BMODTrainers@oregonhumane.org](mailto:BMODTrainers@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!