

Cubone 343978: What to expect

Cubone is a super sweet girl who will be your best friend when you have gained her trust. She loves walks, zoomies and cuddling with her trusted friends. She came to Oregon Humane through our Humane Law Enforcement when her owner became overwhelmed with the large number of dogs, 17, in their care. When Cubone first arrived she was one of the shyest. She was fearful and afraid of any new people and it took time to build her trust with quiet moments and treats. It was clear she had limited social interactions

Cubone has made huge strides during her time at Oregon Humane learning to walk on a leash, take treats from hands and explore new places. She loves her walks, rolling in the grass and some zoomie laps in our enclosed chipyard. She is very athletic, jumping up on our agility equipment. Cubone loves affection from her trusted people. She will jump in your lap for kisses and butt rubs when you have gained her trust. Sitting calmly near her offering treats encourages her to move toward you.

We have been working on her crate training. It is very important to not force her into the crate. ***Do Not Grab Her Collar for any reason.*** She has been entering a crate with treats tossed inside. It is important to make this a desirable, safe place for her to go.

Because of her nervousness she will do best in a low traffic home away from busy streets. A small fenced yard would be ideal. A frightened dog will look for any way to escape. She can be a door darter so it is important to always make sure she is secure before opening doors to unenclosed areas, including car doors and outdoor gates. Be mindful of screen doors and windows at her level that she may possibly escape through. Have a good grasp of the leash at all times.

How to help Cubone settle in during your first months together:

Create a “safe spot” in your home

Use a crate or smaller area in the home (she may be able to climb gates) with bed, toys, water while she is settling in. When you are unable to supervise, leave her in this area. Use a “special treat” such as a kong frozen with peanut butter, yogurt or wet dog food. **Do NOT grab her collar.**

Have a drag line attached to her collar 24/7.

She is uncomfortable with leashing at first and will need to build trust, therefore a dragline is a necessity until she is comfortable leashing and unleashing. Treats always help. She loves a lick mat with peanut butter. She should remain leashed in the yard until she is comfortable with you.

Be your dog's advocate.

It's ok to ask someone to stop or prevent a person from letting their dog say hi. Watch their body language. Tossing a treat on the ground is a way to make positive associations.

Give her time to build trust.

Always let her decide if she wants to come closer. Don't force interactions. She will warm up quickly with patience.

Do not introduce her to new things such as the vet, groomer, baths until she has settle in with you,

If you have any concerns our behavior helpline is 503-416-2983 Please reach out with any concerns.