



What to Expect: Marin

Marin is a sweet girl who is looking for a special home where she can run and play. Marin really enjoys being around her people. She has lived with children previously, but we always recommend slow introductions to new family members as well as all interactions with children are supervised.

She has a history of killing chickens and can be conflicted and uncomfortable around other dogs. She has been known to guard a specific toy towards other pets so needs a home where she can be the only pet.

Although it is not required, we feel Marin would enjoy having a fenced in yard where you can play together and she can avoid other dogs on walks. However, don't leave her out there alone as she may dig under the fence to escape the yard!

Here's how to help Marin during your first months together:

Positive reinforcement and reward-based training: Marin is very treat motivated and already has a few basic cues under her belt. You can work together to learn more things that will keep her mentally stimulated, such as eye contact, "down" and "shake."

Give her ample time to settle into your home: Develop a predictable daily schedule to help her acclimate to your house. Take your time to get to know her before introducing her to someone new.

No dog parks! Don't take her to places where she will have lots of uncontrolled interactions with people or other dogs (like walks down Hawthorne Street, coffee shops, popular hiking trails, etc.). An off-leash dog parks would be too overwhelming for her. You should not push her into meeting other dogs. If you do, she could easily get overwhelmed by another dog, resulting in a poor interaction.

Be her advocate. It's okay to ask someone to stop, or prevent a person from coming up to say hi to your dog. Watch her body language and help her out of situations if she appears stressed or if she is starting to get really amped up.

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 Marin to be successful in her new home. If you need any assistance, call our Behavior Help-Line at 503.416.2983. One-on-One training consultations are also available. Book an appointment at oregonhumane.org/training and enter the promo code **ADOPT** to receive 10% off a single training consultation.

Please keep in touch so we can continue to help you and Marin now and in the future. Please reach out if you have any 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!