Escape Behavior

Congratulations on adopting your new family member!

As your adoption counselor explained to you, your new dog has shown escape behavior while in our shelter or in the previous home. Dogs commonly learn to escape to get to desirable things outside their house or yard. Common things are people, other dogs, cats, food and just fun! Very often the dog escapes because they are bored in the yard they are in and the dog learns it is more interesting to go somewhere else!

If you follow the guidelines below, you should be able to safely manage your new dog and have a happy, long-lasting relationship!

• Keep your dog behind a reliable fence (not an invisible fence) while on your property.
• Supervise your dog at all times while outside. When supervising your dog, you should be with them, with eyes on them, at all times.
• Keep your dog leashed at all times when off your property. A very secure harness or a martingale collar is recommended.
• Teach your dog to sit and stay before you open your door. Teach all family members to have the dog perform the behavior every time.
• Provide your dog with interesting things to do when left alone such as stuffed kongs and other long lasting chews.
• Exercise your dog before you leave them alone!

If you are having issues with keeping your new dog contained, please contact our trainer at JGibson@adltexas.org for more tips and information!

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