



Changing the Name of Your New Dog- It's Okay!

Sometimes adopting a dog means adopting a dog with a name you don't particularly like. It's easy for your newly adopted dog to learn a new name. Don't feel that a dog cannot learn a new name, and don't feel that a dog can't even learn a new name completely dissimilar to his/her previous name. A dog or puppy of any age can learn a brand-new name within a few days. Here's how:

- Decide on any new name you wish for your newly adopted pet.
- For the first few days, carry a pocketful of treats.
- Occasionally, and specifically when you do want your dog's attention, call out his/her new name and then immediately smile, praise heartily, and feed a treat.
- Even if he/she doesn't turn to look at you when you call out the name, do the above anyway, and soon he/she will know that hearing that word means great things are coming, and he/she will respond as if that word is his/her own!

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