



SVPP Dog Transition Tips – Bruce

Transition Tips	Notes
Type/Brand of Food	Wellness -Whitefish and sweet potato
Feeding Schedule/Portion	1 cup AM and 1 cup PM (the vet recommended trying to give just under a cup in order to help him lose weight). The exact time of his breakfast and dinners fluctuates depending on our schedules, but breakfast is usually between 7-9am and dinner around 7pm.
Likes & Dislikes	Likes: peanut butter, treats, bones, belly rubs, walks, naps, sniffing out of the car window Dislikes: when new people try to pet him/interact with him before he feels comfortable. Being tugged by the neck (would recommend a harness when leashed, we've kept his on him since we picked him up in October)
Exercise Regime/Walks	Exercise Regime/Walks: Bruce loves his walks/hikes. Depending on our schedules he gets anywhere from 0-3 walks a day. Even on the occasional days that he doesn't get a walk, he is low energy in the house. His walks are between 0.5 miles (quick stroll around the block) or we have done up to 5 miles while hiking. His most routine walks consist of our neighborhood (1-2 miles) but some others that he frequents are West Cliff Drive in Santa Cruz, Mine Hill trail in Almaden Quicksilver Park, & Jones Hill trail in Los Gatos.
Known Commands	Sit & Touch. We make sure he sits before getting his meals.
Sleep/Bedtime Routine	Bruce has been staying in our room with us but his short legs don't allow him to jump onto our bed. He sleeps either on the dog bed or sometimes he opts for the floor. We originally crated him in our room and provided that he is crated in the same room, he is content in his crate for bedtime.
Favorite Toys	filled bones & hard chews are his favorite but he has recently shown more interest in plush toys and he even chased a tennis ball this week.



Grooming	We have not done any grooming other than a quick wash and some dog spray/dog wipes.
Potty Routine	when we first wake up we let him out in our backyard and he immediately pees but sometimes he likes to wait to go #2 until after his breakfast. He has gone about 5 hours at home unattended and has been able to wait until we get home to go outside to potty. He doesn't always go #2 on walks but will want to go out in the backyard right after his walk so that he can go potty. He quietly asks to go outside, meaning he will just sit or stand by our back door.
Other	<p>Monthly Flea/Tick/Heartworm Prevention given: 3/8/23 (1 addl. dose provided to adopter)</p> <p>Monthly Cytopoint shots for allergy relief: Given at Pup Plaza on 3/6/24. Next does due 4/3/24 – will be provided by SVPP.</p> <p>Bruce is muzzle trained and should wear a muzzle, coupled with lots of peanut butter, for any stressful activities such as vet exams. Adopter may also wish to discuss pre-vet appointment medication with their veterinarian.</p>