

Introducing Your Pet To Your New Baby

You should start preparing your pet for a new baby well before the baby arrives. Pets, especially dogs, need time to adjust to a new family member.

A curious and affectionate pet can unintentionally harm a baby. A child may be accidentally scratched or even dropped when a friendly dog jumps up on you to investigate. Keep your pet's nails well trimmed and correct any behaviour problems Now.

Preparing your pet:

- Bring home a wet diaper or blanket the baby has been in for your pet to sniff.
- Reward your pet with words and caresses so it forms a positive association with the baby even before they are introduced.
- Play a tape of a baby crying at high volume and praise your pet while listening to it.

By the time you introduce dog and baby, your pet will be more likely to adhere to basic training despite their curiosity.