

8 Tips To Help You Build A Loving, Trusting Bond With Your Rescue Dog:

1. Start earning trust immediately by speaking softly in a soothing tone.

Even if she does not respond right away, she will begin to associate your voice with kindness and safety.

2. Offer high value, irresistible treats by hand such as chicken or canned dog food.

Seeing you as a source of food will help build trust. Do not force the dog to take the food directly from your hand if she is not ready. Instead, leave it nearby so she can take it in her own time.

3. Find out what motivates your rescue pooch and use it to celebrate even the smallest victories.

Is it treats? Toys? Verbal praise? Belly rubs? Use trial and error to discover the reactions your dog likes most. This will help build your bond and encourage desired behavior.