

## About the House:

- **Rover lockbox code:** 1988
- Please make sure you have the key with you at all times (if you get locked out, ring the neighbors)
- Make sure to lock the apartment door when you leave
- If you forget/lose the apartment key, text/call me ASAP (I am leaving a copy with a co-worker)
- **Wi-Fi:** Netgear86 or Netgear86-5G                      **Password:** sweetsky529
- Feel free to take any food from the fridge/pantry, though there's not a lot of stuff there
- Same with using the stove etc.
- The trashcan is under the kitchen sink
- You can put clothes on the rack in the bedroom if you need it, I cleaned that specifically for you
- If you need it, there is a laundry room in the basement and the card for the machines is in the basket behind the giraffes on the shoe cabinet (next to the bookcase / cubes)
- Detergent is on the toilet bowl in the bathroom
- Toilet paper is on the floor at the back of the kitchen island (basically under the appliances, on the most bottom "shelf")
- There are small (grocery) bags in one of the cream cubicles (3<sup>rd</sup> row from the bottom)
- There are trash bags on the shelf above the paper towels in the kitchen island
- There are cleaning supplies under the kitchen and bathroom sinks
- If it's too hot in the bedroom / you need it, there's a fan in the left-hand closet.
- Clean bedsheets and towels are in the chest of drawers. The towels in the green basket on the shelf in the bathroom are also clean

## House Sitting/ Schedule etc.

### Schedule

- Wake up at 8-8:30 am, eat a cup of kibble, go potty immediately.
- Give him a cup of water when we come back from this walk. He used to have trouble keeping water in if he drank too fast, but I've noticed it less and less so it shouldn't be an issue.
- If he does vomit some water/kibble, it might sound weird but letting him eat it ends up with a cleaner surface than just cleaning it.
- If you leave the house, make sure to lock him in the crate (take the dog mat out of it first). He'll probably get the gesture, but I tried English and he didn't really catch on, so if you're feeling a little adventurous, the command I use is "**La cutie**" (**Lah cootie-eh**)
- His next potty break is around 1pm. Feed him kibble before this potty break, and a cup of water after.
- The next walk /potty break is around 6:30-7 pm. Feed him kibble before going, cup of water after.
- If he's free in the house, taking him out for a small pee-break every 3-4 h or so ensures he doesn't have accidents in the house. Only feed him 3x a day though, each time 1 cup of kibble (that's about ½ of the measuring cup inside the container, there's a line inside).
- 11-11:30pm is perfect for the last potty break of the day. Give a cup of water after last walk.
- There's very little Tex loves more than sleeping next to you on the couch at any point!
- Though sometimes he plays tug of war, and sometimes even fetch (give him one of the toys from behind the giraffe)
- When it's time to go to sleep, put the dog mat in and tell him to go in.
- Give him 2x fish oil caps before bed.

- While he's allowed almost everywhere, I don't let him in the bedroom/bathroom too much (tell him "out", he's bound to try it)

## Walks

- Make sure you have enough poo bags with you (there are more inside the ottoman if needed). Generally, one is enough though and I found taking 2 with me easier than carrying the whole bone.
- Take treats with you. He expects one after peeing successfully outside haha.
- Do not remove his red collar, it has all his information in case he somehow manages to run away (though he's also microchipped).
- I have a prong collar for him which has helped a lot with pulling. ***Just make sure you twist it so the prongs are facing away from him when putting it on or removing it***, I wouldn't want a prong in his eyes and he makes sudden movements especially when taking it off. It twists really easily, twist the prongs on the inside when it's already on his head.
- If you encounter dogs, keep the leash tight (he will pull), tell him "leave it" firmly while showing him the treat and treat him after you pass the dogs (it might be safer to cross the street).
- He's super amazing with people, but he jumps on them so try to avoid too many interactions.
- He also likes running after pigeons / moving things, try to not let him catch one! :)
- Something I noticed recently is that sometimes he'll think I'm playing and start running, so make sure you have a firm grip on the leash.
- Sometimes he might be tempted by food dropped on the street. Tell him to "leave it" instead and treat him. Be careful of rat poison though I've not seen any.
- For short walks, we go around the block. For longer walks, there's to Central Park or Grand Central! :)
- He knows how to go up the stairs but again I used a Romanian word... if you repeat "sus" (sous-sous-sous-sous) he'll run up the stairs to the building door.
- He also knows how to "heel" though he's sneaky and only does it if he can see there's a treat in it.
- If he escapes, tell him to "come" firmly.
- He tends to pull when crossing the street / towards the street so keep a firm grip even if you're not crossing around the corners of the street (he really likes going to Petco so he will pull in that direction).
- He also likes to go potty on the curb which means he'll pull towards the street / bike lanes. Stop him before he gets into the street, he can do his thing on the edge of the sidewalk, it's safer.

## Where the dog stuff is

- There is a spray bottle with "Nature's Miracle" in case of potty accidents on the shelves in front of the kitchen stove; there's also a Febreze can there
- Paper towels are on top of the shelves in front of the stove (next to "Nature's Miracle"). Extra paper towels are next to the toilet paper (bottom shelf of the kitchen island, also in front of the stove)
- There's a broom and a mop/swiffer next to the toilet bowl, and a vacuum cleaner in front of the stove
- Poop bags and treats and other dog things are inside the ottoman where the leash is
- Shampoo and other stuff (only if necessary) are on the bottom shelf of the kitchen counter towards the exterior, in the brown bag
- On top of the crate I have a box of fish oil pills and a container that says "probiotics". The container actually contains cut-up pieces of the dog treats that are also inside the ottoman, I just find the container easier to open/close)
- I am also leaving a binder with Tex's (complete) medical history on the crate on the printer.

- On top of the binder I am leaving a sheet of yellow pills. If he has diarrhea, give him one of these (he just eats them, he's weird)
- Inside (or in front of) the crate there's a dog mat. Only leave the dog mat in during the night if Tex is locked inside the crate (it's safe if he's out), otherwise he'll most likely destroy it when he gets bored
- Behind the giraffes on the shoe rack as you come in there's a little box that has a dog bone for poo bags, and one or two Kong toys. He doesn't really have other toys because they only last 3 hours at the most...
- The dog food is inside the bogs that says "Dog" under the dumbbell (leave it there otherwise he'll eat all the food), next to the bowls.

## Commands

- **Sit** (thumb up, hand above his head)
- **Shake** (just give him your hand)
- **Lie down** (point downwards)
- **Crawl** (make him lie down then go backward)
- **Stay** (palm vertical, fingers facing upward) – generally for longer stays
- **Wait** (palm vertical, fingers facing downward) – generally for shorter stays (though I've been less strict)
- **Leave it** (for dogs and food)
- **Drop it** (for toys)
- **Come** (softly clapping your legs)
- **La cutie (lah cootie-eh)** – means "in the box" actually (just go towards the box/ point at it)
- **Sus (sous)** – means "up"
- **Off** (good when he tries to jump on people – clapping hands helps)
- **No**
- **Out** (to get out of a room)
- **Up** (for when I want him to jump on me...)

## Miscellaneous

- In case of diarrhea, give him one of the yellow pills on the printer
- He loves apples and lettuce
- He's really scared of smoke and "bad" noises like the hairdryer and vacuum cleaner (or juicer)
- He doesn't need to be tricked into taking pills, he just eats them

## Emergency Info

- If you get locked out, contact me
- Feel free to contact the AMC if there's an emergency, as Bideawee (the place I took him to) has closed down to the general public recently. The phone number for the AMC is (212) 838-8100 if needed.
- You can also contact my friend Aimee (at 377-718-1044), though definitely contact me first in case of an emergency!