

New Puppy Checklist

Tips for Raising a Happy & Healthy Puppy



Before Your Puppy Arrives...

- Puppy-proof your home by removing hazardous items and using gates to block off unsafe areas
- Gather essential items such as bowls for food and water, high-quality puppy food, a collar with an ID tag, a leash and harness, and toys
- Find a designated space for your pup with a comfortable crate or bed and puppy training pads
- Research a local veterinarian and schedule an initial check-up

For the First Week...

- Start potty training and use positive reinforcement
- Begin crate training to make sure a consistent schedule that works for you and your pup
- Schedule a vet visit to ensure they get their vaccinations
- Establish a routine by feeding your puppy the same time every day, taking them out for potty breaks first thing in the morning, after meals, and before bed
- Create a play and nap schedule to avoid overstimulation

Ongoing Things to Keep in mind....

- Keep providing daily care by feeding 3-4 meals a day, taking on short walks, and spending time with chew toys to help with teething behavior
- Work on training by teaching your puppy quiet behavior, not to bite, and tricks such as "sit", "stay", "leave it", etc. Make sure to use treats as a reward!
- Make sure to brush their coat regularly, check and clean their ears weekly, and gently brush their teeth with puppy toothpaste
- Plan for your soon-to-be adult dog by researching spaying or neutering options with your vet, plan to transition to adult dog food, and schedule regular vet visits

For Pet Supplies...



For Dog Kennels...

