



NEW PUPPY GUIDE



Getting a new puppy is always super exciting. There are so many things to get to be ready for your new arrival. You may also need to learn about caring for your new family member in the best way possible. It is a big adjustment for all family members including the puppy so being prepared will make the transition smoother. Puppies need a lot of attention and persistence during toilet training and the settling in phase and you really need to puppy-proof your home before you leave the puppy alone or use a play pen to restrict access.

Puppies like to chew a lot and can be very mischievous so try to monitor their playing and always watch while they are chewing any treats or bones. During teething stages, they need to play biting/mouthing with your hands, so their jaws get used to knowing what is too hard. Always let out a yelp or say ouch when they bite too hard so they can learn. They get excited easily and will make mistakes so be patient with them and they will learn quickly.

The puppy may cry a lot the first few nights and this is normal behaviour. It would be very scary being so young and being in a new environment takes some time adjusting. Some owners use crate training to help this process and place the crate beside their bed so the puppy can see they are not alone. Some owners even take the first 2 weeks off work to lessen the stress of having a new puppy.

Toilet training can take some dogs a couple of months to learn and others take longer. It is important to remember that as a puppy they have small bladders and need to be taken outside or to their toileting area every couple of hours and given the command you choose to use so they get used to hearing it and lots of praise when they do go, you can even reward them with a small training treat. They will have accidents though so be patient but stay persistent and keep encouraging.

Take lots of photos and videos of their puppy months as they grow so fast! Enjoy the puppy stages with lots of basic training and even attend puppy school or dog obedience classes if you can. It all helps with socialization and teaching your pup to grow into the best dog they can be! Dogs react best to positive rewards through encouragement either verbally, physically or with treats. They just want to please you so lots of love and attention will give you the best results

Shopping List:

- Dog Bed (puppies tend to have a few accidents and dig/bite their beds in the first few months so I would not spend much on the first dog bed).
- Dog Brush (if long haired then daily brushing using a metal comb works best to stop matting).
- Dog Collar (generally, making sure you can fit 2 fingers between the dog's neck and the collar stops it from being too tight).
- Dog Leash,
- Dog Harness,
- Stainless steel Food Bowl and wash regularly (try not to use plastic or ceramic as it is a toxic breeding ground for dangerous bacteria like E. Coli and Salmonella and can cause transmission to humans).
- Stainless steel Water Bowl and wash regularly (try not to use plastic or ceramic as it is a toxic breeding ground for dangerous bacteria like E. Coli and Salmonella and can cause transmission to humans).
- Dog food from the breeder that your pup is eating now and some Premium Dog/Puppy Food which you will transition your puppy to,
- All-natural Dog Treats are great long-lasting chews to keep them busy, help with teething and excellent for teeth and gum care maintenance at any age (read labels as many processed dog treats are full of junk and additives),
- Training dog treats (read labels as many processed dog treats are full of junk and additives),
- Dog Toys (preferably non-toxic and super tough and always throw out any broken toys so your pup does not swallow any of it),
- All-Natural dog shampoo (helps limit any allergic reactions),
- Dog Towel,
- Dog crate (if crate training, get bigger than you think as they grow fast).
- Puppy pee pads or fake grass potty tray
- Poo bags for picking up after your dog

Other items you may need down the track:

- dog seatbelt
- dog car seat
- dog coats
- finding a good local Vet
- flea/tick/worming protection (all-natural is best but you can always check product reviews. Some products can cause dangerous irreversible reactions)
- puppy school or dog obedience classes
- nail clippers
- blunt end scissors
- dog first aid kit
- doggy wipes
- pet insurance/dog emergency bank account