

New Puppy Checklist

Whether you are adopting your puppy from a rescue, shelter, friend, or breeder, there are a few basic things you'll want to prepare ahead of time to ensure that your pet will have a smooth transition into your home.

- Puppy food (see below)
- Crate
- Baby gates
- Exercise pen
- Collar
- Identification tag
- Harness
- Leash
- Water and Food dishes
- Treats
- Treat pouch
- Bed and blankets
- Brush
- Shampoo
- Tug toys
- Fetch toys
- Chew toys
- Food puzzle toys
- Piddle pads
- Enzymatic cleaner
- Contact information for both local and emergency Veterinarians



Puppy Food

The most important question you can ask before bringing your puppy home is "What food is s/he eating?" This simple question can help you prevent your puppy from experiencing gastrointestinal upset. The change in environment is stressful enough for a puppy when moving to a new home, so to avert yet another stressor, avoid abruptly switching the food as well. If you want to feed your new addition a specific kibble other than what s/he is used to, gradually transition your pet's diet to adjust to the new food. It's a good idea to wait a week or two after your new dog has been home with you before switching the diet. Once the waiting period is over, you can gradually transfer your puppy over to the new food during a period of 7-14 days.

Congratulations on your new addition!!!

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