

Welcoming a puppy into your home can be both an extremely exciting and highly stressful experience. You should expect the first few days to be a little rough, especially if it's your first time as a pet parent. It's best to make a shopping list and head to a pet store **before** you bring your new puppy home.

### When You Pick Up Your Puppy...

- Adjustable Collar
- 4' to 6' Leash
- Identification Tag
- Poop Bags
- Water
- Travel Crate/Carrier
- Towels/Potty Pads
- Camera! 📷

**Tip:** All reputable breeders and rescues will require you sign an adoption agreement or sales contract. Make sure you read it ahead of time and are prepared to sign it.

### Nutrition

- Quality Dog Food
- Food and Water Bowls
- Food Storage Container and Scoop
- Vitamins and Supplements
- Digestive Aid

### Health and Safety

- Flea & Tick Control
- Microchip
- Pet First-Aid Kit
- Medical Records
- Emergency Contacts
- Pet Alert Decals

### Grooming

- Comb
- Slicker Brush
- Silicone Brush
- Grooming Scissors
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Ear Cleaning Solution
- Cotton Balls
- Nail Clippers/Grinder
- Styptic Powder
- Toothbrush (VOHC Approved)
- Toothpaste (VOHC Approved)
- Pet-Safe Wipes
- Towels
- Forced Air Dryer (Optional)*
- Grooming Table (Optional)*

### For the Home

- Full Sized Crate
- Dog Bed/Pillow/Pad (At Least 2)
- Blankets
- Baby Gate(s)
- Dog Door (Optional)*
- Wire Playpen
- Indoor Drag Line
- Bitter Apple Spray
- Pet Odor Enzymatic Cleaner
- Pet-Safe Cleaners and Detergents

### Training and Housebreaking

- Training Treats (At Least 3 Flavors)
- Treat Pouch
- Clicker (Optional)*
- Target Stick (Optional)*
- Jingle Bell for Door(s)
- Potty Pads
- Pooper Scooper
- Poop Bags
- 15' to 30' Leash/Drag Line

**Note:** Never use a retractable leash.

### Fun and Games

- Chew Toys (At Least 5)
- Plush Toys
- Fetch Toys
- Rope and Tug Toys
- Interactive Toys
- Puzzle Toys
- Bully Sticks/Raw Meaty Bones (Optional)*

**Note:** Never give your dog rawhide or cooked bones.

### Other Preparations to Make

- Lots of Research - Books, Videos, and Online
- Puppy-Proof House and Yard
- Select Vet, Groomer, and Boarding Facility
- Enroll in Positive Puppy Kindergarten
- Schedule Vet Exam Within 72 hr of Pickup