



New Puppy Checklist

Everything you need for your furry friend's first days home

Essential Supplies

- Food and water bowls (stainless steel or ceramic)
- High-quality puppy food (recommended by breeder or vet)
- Collar and ID tag with your contact information
- Leash (4-6 feet for training)
- Crate appropriate for adult size
- Comfortable bedding and blankets
- Puppy pads for house training
- Toys for teething and play
- Grooming supplies (brush, nail clippers, puppy shampoo)
- Waste bags and dispenser

Food & Feeding Setup

- Establish feeding schedule (3-4 times daily for young puppies)
- Measure portions according to food packaging
- Keep fresh water available at all times
- Choose a quiet feeding location
- Avoid table scraps and toxic foods
- Monitor weight and adjust portions as needed

Veterinary Care

- Schedule first vet visit within 48 hours of bringing puppy home
- Bring medical records from breeder or shelter
- Discuss spay/neuter timing
- Ask about microchipping
- Set up flea, tick, and heartworm prevention
- Schedule follow-up appointments

Vaccination Schedule

- 6-8 weeks: DHPP (Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza)
- 10-12 weeks: DHPP booster
- 14-16 weeks: DHPP final booster and Rabies
- 12-16 weeks: Bordetella (kennel cough)
- Annual boosters as recommended by vet
- Keep vaccination records organized

Training Essentials

- Start house training immediately with consistent schedule
- Use positive reinforcement (treats, praise)
- Teach basic commands: sit, stay, come, down
- Enroll in puppy training class
- Establish consistent rules and boundaries
- Practice crate training for safe space
- Address biting and chewing behaviors
- Be patient and consistent

Puppy-Proofing Your Home

- Remove toxic plants and chemicals from reach
- Secure electrical cords and outlets
- Store medications and cleaning products safely
- Remove small objects that could be choking hazards
- Block off stairs and dangerous areas
- Secure trash cans with lids
- Check fencing and gates in yard
- Create a designated puppy space

Socialization & Development

- Introduce to various people (different ages, appearances)
- Expose to different environments and surfaces
- Meet other vaccinated, friendly dogs
- Experience various sounds (vacuum, doorbell, traffic)
- Practice car rides
- Visit pet-friendly stores
- Handle paws, ears, and mouth regularly
- Keep experiences positive and gradual

17 First Month Checklist

- Week 1: Focus on bonding and establishing routine
- Week 1: Begin house training and crate introduction
- Week 2: Start basic command training
- Week 2: Schedule and attend first vet appointment
- Week 3: Introduce to new people and environments
- Week 3: Establish grooming routine
- Week 4: Enroll in puppy training class
- Week 4: Puppy-proof any missed areas
- Ongoing: Document milestones and take lots of photos!

Welcome to the wonderful world of puppy parenthood! 🐾

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