

NEW PUPPY CHECKLIST

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Puppy's name: _____

Coming home on: _____

SLEEPING AND SAFE SPACES

Before day one

- ☐ **Wire crate with a divider panel**
Sized for their adult size, with the divider moved as they grow
- ☐ **Washable blanket or old towels for the crate**
Easy to wash after accidents
- ☐ **Playpen or baby gates**
Keeps them on easy-clean floors and away from hazards

FEEDING

Before day one

- ☐ **Two weeks of the food your puppy already eats**
Ask the breeder or rescue, then switch slowly over 7 to 10 days if you want to change
- ☐ **Heavy stainless steel or ceramic bowls**
Won't tip over or get chewed into sharp bits

WALKING AND ID

Before day one

- ☐ **Flat lead about 6 feet long**
Teaches loose-lead walking better than a retractable one
- ☐ **Adjustable flat collar**
You should fit two fingers under it
- ☐ **ID tag with your phone number**
- ☐ **Lightweight adjustable harness**
A simple Y-shaped one they can grow into

CLEANING AND POTTY

Before day one

- ☐ **Enzyme cleaner for accidents**
Normal cleaners leave a scent that tells them to go there again
- ☐ **Poop bags**
- ☐ **Kitchen roll or old towels for blotting**

TOYS AND TEETHING

First week

- ☐ **Two rubber stuffable toys (like a KONG)**
Fill with soaked kibble and freeze for calm time
- ☐ **Textured rubber teething ring**
- ☐ **4 or 5 good toys to rotate**
Swap them every few days so they stay interesting

GROOMING

First few weeks

- ☐ **Soft puppy brush**
- ☐ **Puppy nail clippers**

HOME AND HEALTH

Before day one

- ☐ **Puppy-proof the house**
Tidy cables, shoes and anything at nose height
- ☐ **Move toxic plants and foods out of reach**
- ☐ **Book a first vet check**
- ☐ **Update the microchip details to your name**
- ☐ **Find your nearest emergency vet**
Save the number in your phone

SKIP THESE FOR NOW

- Expensive plush beds
- Big bags of rich treats
- Retractable leads
- Automatic feeders
- Pee pads (unless no outdoor access)