

New Puppy Checklist

Buy the essentials before arrival. Let the extras wait.

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Puppy's name: _____

Coming home: _____

CHECK BUY OR ARRANGE BEFORE ARRIVAL

WHAT CAN WAIT / WATCH FOR

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Food and water

Current puppy food; food and water bowls

A different food until you discuss the change.

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Sleep and safe space

A fitted crate or pen; check divider fit

Plush bedding if she shreds or swallows fabric.

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Training

Small, soft training treats

Extra training gadgets.

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Home safety

Gate or pen; secure cables and small objects

Extra gates until you know your layout.

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Potty and cleanup

Enzyme cleaner, poop bags, paper towels

Pads unless your home needs an indoor option.

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Walking and ID

Fitted collar or harness, leash and ID tag

Larger sizes until she needs them.

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Ride home

Secure carrier or suitable car restraint

Decorative car accessories.

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Grooming

Soft brush and a towel

A large kit before checking her coat needs.

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Health and records

Vet booked; records; chip; insurance terms

Nonessential health accessories.

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Toys and chews

A few size-appropriate puppy chew toys

A full basket before learning what she likes.

Before pickup: three practical jobs

1. Confirm the vet appointment and ask which records or samples to bring.
2. Register the microchip with your current contact details. Check the ID tag.
3. Check insurance coverage, exclusions and waiting periods before choosing a policy.

Vet: _____

After-hours vet: _____

US ASPCA Poison Control: (888) 426-4435. Available 24/7; a fee may apply.

Sources: AKC new puppy checklist; ASPCA Poison Control; AKC Pet Insurance waiting-period guidance.

Want one plan the whole house follows?

Click here to see the First 14 Days Kit at LoveMyPuppy.store