

Puppy Preparation

A step-by-step guide
to get you ready for your new
companion

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Hello and Welcome!

Welcoming a puppy into your home is an exciting time! To ensure a smooth transition into your home we'd like to share 3 steps to help you get ready for your puppy.

1. Essential Items
2. Puppy Proofing your home
3. Common mistakes to avoid



Essential Puppy Items



Checklist

- Create a routine
 - Training Plan
 - Puppy Food
 - Stainless steel water & food bowls
 - Chew toys
 - Leash, collar, harness
 - Cleaning supplies
 - Crate liner
 - Crate
 - Bed
 - Exercise pen
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Puppy Proof Your Home

1. Protect Carpet/ Rugs

A young puppy who is learning to potty train will most likely have accidents where it is hardest to clean such as on carpet, or a rug. To prevent a puppy from having an accident in the same spot it is essential to get the smell out. For this reason, we recommend either blocking off carpeted areas or if possible removing rugs during the potty training process.



*“Home is
where my
puppy is!”*

2. Toxic Plants

For the safety of your puppy's health it is important to know that some plants are toxic to dogs. This includes but is not limited to plants such as Azalea/ Rhododendron, Sago Palm, and Aloe Vera. To ensure your puppy is safe, and won't ingest any plants, especially those that are toxic. Elevate indoor plants so they are out of reach, and block off areas of your yard that contain toxic plants.

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Part 2

3. Chewables

When you first bring home your puppy they will be in a teething stage. This means your puppy will be looking for any and everything to chew. Elevate or put away all items within your puppy's reach. Such as cords, shoes, plants etc. Ensure you provide chew toys in replacement.



4. Designated Puppy Area

The quickest way to house train your puppy is by slowly giving more freedom. If a puppy is allowed full access to your home it will be harder to prevent accidents. Setup an exercise pen to provide your puppy with a designated space.

*“Love is a
four-legged
word”*

3 Common Mistakes to Avoid

1. The most common mistake puppy owners make is not setting a routine. Puppies thrive on routine! When a puppy knows what is expected it helps them feel secure and settle into your home easier.
2. Focusing only on play and cuddles. During a puppy's imprint period it is important to set boundaries. Only focusing on love and affection will undermine you as a leader, and will increase the likelihood of behavioral issues in the future.
3. Waiting to crate train. When done correctly crate training is a safe space for your puppy. It has many benefits throughout puppy hood, and into adulthood. Begin crate training right away.



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