

NEW PUPPY CHECKLIST

Whether you're a first-time adopter or an experienced pet parent, this vet-approved checklist will help turn your house into a home for your new puppy.



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Essential Items

- ☐ A cozy crate that helps them feel safe
- ☐ Poop bags
- ☐ A comfortable bed
- ☐ Chew toys and treats
- ☐ Stainless steel or porcelain food and water bowls
- ☐ Leash, harness, and collar with I.D. tag
- ☐ Gentle puppy shampoo, hair brush, toothbrush

Puppy Proof

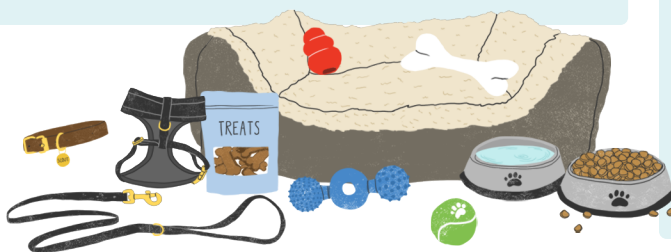
- ☐ Cover electrical outlets
- ☐ Cover trash cans
- ☐ Remove toxic plants
- ☐ Put away medicine and cleaning products
- ☐ Make sure they have easy access to their food, water, crate, and bed
- ☐ Keep doors closed or use gates to block off certain areas

The First Week

- ☐ Get insurance for the first year at least (costs add up!)
- ☐ Visit the vet for a first checkup
- ☐ Have them microchipped
- ☐ Make sure your home is puppy proof
- ☐ Keep feeding them the same food they've been eating

Routine

- ☐ Brush their teeth daily or at a minimum of once a week
- ☐ Get them used to bathing and ear cleaning every 1-2 months
- ☐ Schedule their first professional grooming appointment
- ☐ Feed them 3 times a day once they're older than 6 weeks
- ☐ Brush their hair once a day
- ☐ Get them used to their paws being handled and nail trims
- ☐ Create a schedule that includes playtime and potty breaks
- ☐ Start them on monthly flea, tick, heartworm, and intestinal parasites preventative



Scan to keep them
safe and happy



PUPPY MILESTONES

As your puppy grows throughout their first year, these are some of the moments that you'll experience together. Their puppy phase lasts 9-15 months, depending on their breed size.



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6-8 WEEKS

VACCINATION
DAY



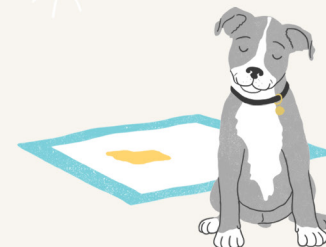
8 WEEKS

ADOPTION/
GOTCHA DAY



8-12 WEEKS

POTTY TRAINING



3 MONTHS

RECOGNIZING THEIR
NAME



3-4 MONTHS

MEETING OTHER DOGS



4-7 MONTHS

TEETHING/CHEWING



6 MONTHS

SPAY/NEUTER TIME!



9-12 MONTHS

TEENAGE BEHAVIOR



1 YEAR

FIRST BIRTHDAY!

TRAINING YOUR PUPPY

Here's a quick overview of the different things you can teach your puppy, as well as the ideal times to do it. Also, scan below to discover articles and videos to support you through it all!



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