

# Puppy Supply Recommendations

1. **Dog Food** – Please do not purchase food until your official puppy supply recommendations and official puppy care sheet has been sent out. On the last page of the puppy care sheet, you will find a picture of the packaging. Or find a local retailer near you that carries it. I will provide enough food to last several days and you are more than welcome to purchase a puppy food of your choice to switch your new puppy over gradually during a 7-day period. Please provide a food that has grain and has a meat protein as the first ingredient.
2. **Food and Water Bowls** – You've got to have something to serve your pupper his supper in, and a way to keep him hydrated.
3. **Collar and ID tag** – Your dog is in a new neighborhood. If he gets lost, an ID tag can improve the chances of your pet being returned to you. Some owners prefer harnesses, but puppies grow so fast, a collar may be best in the beginning. I will provide a small go home puppy collar, please bring a leash with you to take your new baby home.
4. **Leash** – This is a necessity for walks around the neighborhood and leash training. It's important to start setting the 'house rules' promptly, and this likely includes leash training.
5. **Poop Bags** – Be the neighbor that always cleans up pet messes during walks. This will be after your puppy is old enough to go for walks in public places, after they have had all their puppy vaccinations, usually around 16 weeks old.
6. **Dog Crate** – It's ideal for crate training and to give your puppy a space to call his/her own. I recommend beginning crate training on the first night home. If you plan to have your puppy sleep in bed with you eventually, I recommend having a small soft sided carrier and have puppy sleep in that on the bed during the night until puppy is bigger and has house breaking well underway.
7. **Dog Treats** – Keep plenty of [dog treats](#) on hand for rewarding good behavior and for bonding with your new puppy.
8. **Dog Bed** – A cozy dog bed should help your new puppy feel comfortable in his new home.
9. **Toys** – Provide your new puppy with mental and physical exercise with different types of dog toys.
10. **Nerves:** I will be providing your puppy with a take home toy, that should help him/her adjust to the new environment.

Those are the basics. As time goes on and you get to know your new family member better, you can customize the type of dog toys, dog bed, or leashes to meet his specific needs and preferences.

For this young stage, the focus is on exposing your puppy to new things, helping him grow mentally and physically, and encouraging good behaviors.

- **Puzzle or Treat-Dispensing Toys** – These toys promote mental stimulation and keep puppies occupied (aka out of trouble).
- **Training Tools** – Supplies like a **dog clicker** and dog treats will help encourage good behaviors early on.
- **Potty Pads** – These are essential for housetraining. Use these when a puppy is locked up for extended times and will more than likely have an accident.
- **Dental Products** – Start with a toothbrush and toothpaste early on to get your puppy used to having his teeth cleaned and to prevent dental disease.
- **Grooming Products** – Get some puppy shampoo, brush/comb and nail trimmers to get your puppy used to being groomed from the start. Do not over bathe your puppy as it can dry out their skin. Your puppy had a bath and their nails trimmed before leaving for home.
- **Flea and Tick Control** – Talk to your vet at or before the first vet visit to find out which type of product is best suited for your puppy. Your puppy has been treated with Revolution before leaving just to ensure no matter what environment they are living in, they are protected. Revolution also acts as a dewormer for roundworms.
- **Stain and Odor Remover** – You'll need this to help clean up pet messes while potty training your puppy. Get a good Enzyme product to clean up those accidents.