



NEW PUPPY CHECKLIST

PUPPY NAME _____

ADOPT DATE _____

THE ESSENTIALS

- 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
- Carpet/floor cleaner for accidents

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

THINK OF YOUR PUPPY AS A BABY
LEARNING TO WALK.

What things do you need to do to protect them?

THE FIRST WEEK

- Get insurance for the first year at least (costs add up!)
- Visit the vet for a first checkup
- Make sure to keep up on vaccinations
- Consider microchipping
- Make sure you puppy proofed (see 1 of 4 tips)
- Keep feeding the same food they have been eating (you can transition slowly later)
- CAMERA!!! You will want to get photo memories

CONSISTENT ROUTINE

- Feed them 3 times a day once they're older than 6 weeks
- Create a schedule that includes playtime, feeding and potty breaks
- Brush their hair once a day
- Brush their teeth minimum of once a week
- Get them used to bathing and ear cleaning every 1-2 months
- Get them used to their paws being handled and nail trims
- Handle/Massage their ears and mouth to get used to human hands (ie: the Vet)
- Start them on monthly flea, tick, heartworm, and intestinal parasites preventative

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