Puppy Essentials

It’s important to be prepared before you bring home your furry, four-legged addition. Take this checklist with you while you shop to ensure you get everything your new puppy will need!

**FOOD & WATER**
- **Bowls** Ceramic, plastic, or stainless steel, make sure they aren’t too big for your pup
- **Puppy Food** Talk to your breeder, shelter, or veterinarian about appropriate food options
- **Food Storage** (optional) Keep food fresh in an air tight container

**TRAINING**
- **Collar** Adjustable nylon collars are best for puppies
- **Leash/Harness** Nylon is best, steer clear of retractable leashes
- **ID Tag** Including, at minimum, your puppy’s name and your phone number
- **Treats** Healthy and puppy-sized, soft treats are great for training

**SAFETY**
- **First Aid Kit** Check out our blog on building a pet first aid kit for a complete list of what you’ll need
- **Carrier** Find a carrier your puppy can comfortably stand up and turn around in
- **Puppy Gates** (optional) To keep your puppy out of unsafe areas

**BATHING & GROOMING**
- **Shampoo** Puppy-safe from your pet store
- **Nail Trimmers** Made specifically for dog nails
- **Brush** Some are coat specific, be sure to see which is best for your pup

**OTHER**
- **Crate** Make sure your puppy can comfortably lay down, stand up, stretch and turn around
- **Bedding** Something easily washable, accidents happen with puppies
- **Toys** Choose puppy specific toys, make sure they’re large enough they can’t be swallowed
- **Cleaning Supplies** Pet-safe cleaning supplies for any inevitable puppy accidents