

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

- O 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
- O Food Storage (optional) Keep food fresh in an air tight container

TRAINING

- O Collar Adjustable nylon collars are best for puppies
- **Leash/Harness** Nylon is best, steer clear of retractable leashes
- O 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

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

BATHING & GROOMING

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

OTHER

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