

NEW PUPPY CHECKLIST: TIMELINE



First Week: Survival Essentials

Prep Before Arrival:

Food/water bowls, puppy food, crate, bedding, collar & leash

Start House Training:

Begin immediately—don't wait
Use crate training for success

Begin Socialization:

Introduce puppy to new
experiences, people,
and environments safely

Basic Commands:

Start teaching sit, stay,
and come right away

Establish a Schedule:

- Feeding times
- Potty breaks
- Sleep schedule



Age-Specific Puppy Needs

Swap Out Toys:

Soft toys may not be suitable
for teething puppies, Upgrade
to durable chew toys as needed

Update Bedding:

Plush beds may not last,
resize as your puppy grows

Adjust Food:

Transition diet as your puppy
matures, consult your vet

Resize Supplies:

- Collar and harness
- Crate size
- Food portions

Stay on Vaccines

Keep up with age-appropriate
vaccinations



Critical Mistakes to Avoid

Don't Delay Training:

Start early,
bad habits form fast

Don't Delay Vet Visits:

Visit within week one

Don't Skip Insurance:

Enroll early; puppies get hurt

Don't Rush

Follow the 3-3-3 rule:
3 days to decompress,
3 weeks to learn routine,
3 months to bond