

What Do I Need For My New Puppy?

Choose a Veterinarian

- You will have 4 business days from the time you pick your puppy up, to have your puppy seen by your Veterinarian. Go ahead and schedule your appointment with your Vet to ensure your puppy will be seen within that amount of time. We don't extend that timeframe.
- Your Veterinarian will also give your dog a health check and will provide you with advice on: Diet, Grooming, Vaccinations, Pet Health Insurance, Worming and other parasites, Dog Classes, and Spaying/Neutering your puppy.
- Your puppy's next vaccination will be at 10 weeks of age. My Vet recommends spaying/neutering at 6 months of age. Spay and Neutering lowers risks of certain cancers, prevents accidental breedings, and cuts down on roaming and aggressive behaviors.

Choose a Quality Dog Food

 We use Purina Pro Plan, Puppy Food for under a year old puppies. It's not recommended that you change a puppy's food in the first few weeks of arrival to your home. Keeping him on the same food helps with the transition. If you choose to change the food, there will be instructions in your gift box on how to do so safely.

Shopping List...

- Wire dog crate 18 x 24 x 21 or similar; you may want to get a blanket to put over the crate, leaving the door open. Doing this gives your puppy the feeling of being in a den and provides a feeling of security.
- Easily washable, hard to destroy bedding material.
- Tip-proof, stainless steel food and water dishes.
- Puppy Pads; we love the Great Choice brand at PetSmart. These have adhesive tape on the bottom that sticks to the floor. That way if your puppy tries to play with it, it will be harder for him/her to move.
- Adjustable extra small puppy collar and lead. New ones as he/she grows.
- Training Rewards and Puppy Treats. Our puppies love the Botanical's Training Reward, bacon flavor. Milk Bone mini treats are great for teething pups. You can find them at Chewy or Amazon.
- ID tag with your address and phone number to wear on the collar.
- A collection of high quality, safe chew toys. Puppy Nylabones and Kong toys are safe and are what we use. The more chew toys the better! Toys can be rotated. Avoid cheap toys and toys with strings. If a toy looks worn and is starting to unravel, throw them away and replace them.

 Miniature Schnauzers need to be groomed once a month and brushed once a week.

Grooming Supplies:

- Dog Nail Clippers with a Safety guard to avoid over cutting
- Oatmeal Shampoo; it's gentle and won't dry out your puppy's skin. We use Bert's Bees Puppy Shampoo and the Chi leave in conditioning spray. Schnauzers tend to have dry skin and the leave-in conditioner helps with that.
- Nylabone Advanced Oral Care Puppy/Dog Dental Kit
- Ear Cleaner, we use Zymox Ear Cleanser
- Soft Brush while he/she is a puppy
- Slicker Brush when he/she is older
- Bitter Apple is a safe spray product to discourage chewing on inappropriate objects.
- A gate for blocking doorways.
- If your puppy will be left for more than 3-4 hours a day, we encourage a Puppy Playpen with puppy pads. Your puppy needs to eat 3-4 times a day. If you will be gone for more than 4 hours give him/her food and water as well. Amazon has great deals for puppy playpens.

We shop at Chewy.com, Amazon, PetSmart, and PetCo for our babies.

Examples:











Milk-Bone Mini's Flavor Snacks Beef, Chicken & Bacon Flavored Biscuit Dog Treats



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Frisco Cat & Dog Bristle Brush, One-Size





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Burt's Bees Tearless Puppy Shampoo with Buttermilk for Dogs, 16-oz bottle



Don't use the Leave-in conditioner if your shampoo has a conditioner in it already.

