

## What Do I Need For My New Puppy?

### **Choose a Veterinarian**

- Your Veterinarian will 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 Royal Canin Extra Small Puppy Food. It's not recommended that you change a puppy's food in the first week of arrival to your home. 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. You can find them at PetSmart 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
- -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 on 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 love shopping at Chewy.com and Amazon for our babies.