


New Puppy Shopping List

	<i>Item</i>	<i>Special Notes</i>
	Food	Select a top-quality brand. Be sure to read the labels carefully to find the right type for your puppy's size and age. Read the ingredients carefully to ensure quality food for your puppy.
	Food and water bowls	Stainless steel bowls work well because they won't tip over. Plastic bowls can be easily chewed.
	Collar with ID tag	A flat, leather or nylon collar with a buckle is the best option. Your puppy should wear this at all times except while in his crate and taking a bath. The collar should be tight enough that it will not slide over the puppy's head, but loose enough to fit two fingers between the collar and the neck. Your puppy may grow out of the collar quickly, so make sure to check it often for fit and regular wear-and-tear.
	Leash	Leashes come in a variety of lengths and material. I recommend getting two. One for walking and a longer one for tethering.
	Gentle Leader ®	or some other kind of head collar. Great for training to walk on a leash.
	Crate or kennel	See description for Vari-Kennel vs. Wire Kennel in the guide. You may want to consider having more than one crate. For example, you may want to have one in the kitchen for daytime use and another in the bedroom for nighttime use.
	Puppy gate and/or Exercise Pen (a.k.a. an Ex-Pen)	A baby gate also works well. It is best to keep puppies out of certain rooms and to limit their access to the entire home.
	Bedding	Make sure the bedding is washable. Finding one that is chew-proof is a nice bonus and will save you money in the long run.
	Feces Elimination Tools	Your puppy is going to poop. You will need a supply of plastic bags or some sort of poop-scooper device. I recommend both. Plastic bags for walks and poop-scooper for the yard.
	Treats	Keep lots of training treats on hand. Variety will keep your pup interested.
	Bait Bag	This is a bag for treats that hooks onto your pocket or belt. It will make your training go a lot smoother!
	Kong®	A great device to stuff full of tasty treats.
	Toys	Select a variety of sturdy toys. Nothing with strings!
	Slicker Brush	A medium-sized, with hard bristles works well.
	Comb	A double-sided comb is ideal.
	Nail clippers	Also, pick up some stop bleed powder.
	Shampoo	Find the right type for your puppy's coat.