



New Puppy/Dog Supplies

Congratulations on your new addition to the family! Aside from just taking your new puppy/dog home there are many other items that you will need such as:

Any good, quality, dry puppy or dog food- You will want to avoid feeding your dog a diet of canned foods. The water contents and dyes found in moist foods will cause your puppy or dog to have loose or runny stools. Canned foods can also cause future problems with cavities. Yes dogs can and do get cavities. Dental health in animals is just as important as it is in humans.

Chew Toys- It is important for your puppy or dog to have toys that are their own this way you can establish what things they are allowed to chew on and what they are not. You **SHOULD NOT** give your new pet old shoes, clothing, or household items to chew on! **Remember, an animal can't tell the difference between old and new.**

A blanket, old towel, or something soft and warm for the animal to sleep on.

Treats-You should always have treats available to reward your puppy or dog for good behavior.

Newspaper or puppy pads for housebreaking.

Crate-The crate should be large enough for your puppy or dog to stand up, turn around, and lay down comfortably. Dogs will usually not eliminate where they sleep so if you purchase a crate that is too large your pet will eliminate in one area and sleep in the other. Keep in mind that your puppy will grow so if you don't want to purchase a new crate every time your puppy gets bigger, buy a good size crate and section off an area for the puppy to use. As your puppy grows you can make the area larger.

Collar and Tags-It is extremely important for you to keep identification on your pets! Even if they are going to spend the majority of their time indoors. Accidents happen and you never know when your puppy or dog will get away from you. 90 percent of all animals that are lost are never found because of the lack of identification. The lucky ones are turned in to shelters to be adopted out to new homes but many shelters are overcrowded and the not so lucky ones end up at city pounds to be euthanized.

Puppy Shampoo and Grooming Tools- A clean and well groomed animal is a healthier happier animal! Frequently bathing and grooming your pet keeps them clean as well as helps to keep them free of external parasites such as fleas and ticks. Ears should also be checked and cleaned and nails should be kept trimmed. Start grooming young and make it fun for them. Be sure to include treats for good behavior.