

New Puppy Checklist

Puppy's name: _____ Breed / age: _____ Homecoming day: _____

Equipment

- ☐ Crate sized for the grown dog
- ☐ Crate bedding, two sets
- ☐ Second bed for the living room
- ☐ Collar with an ID tag
- ☐ Harness and a two-metre lead
- ☐ Long line for recall practice
- ☐ Food and water bowls
- ☐ Travel crate or a car harness
- ☐ _____

Food & feeding

- ☐ The food the breeder or shelter used
- ☐ Airtight bin and a measuring scoop
- ☐ Small training treats
- ☐ Treat pouch
- ☐ Chews for teething
- ☐ Slow feeder or lickmat
- ☐ Feeding times written on the fridge
- ☐ _____

Vet & health

- ☐ First vet appointment booked
- ☐ Vaccination record collected
- ☐ Worming and flea treatment dates
- ☐ Microchip registered in your name
- ☐ Pet insurance arranged
- ☐ Neutering discussed with the vet
- ☐ Emergency vet number saved
- ☐ Weigh the puppy and write it down
- ☐ _____

Vet, microchip & insurance details

Training & socialising

- ☐ House rules agreed with everyone
- ☐ One word each for sit, down, off
- ☐ Puppy class booked
- ☐ Marker word or clicker chosen
- ☐ Short lead walks once vaccinated
- ☐ Meet calm, vaccinated dogs
- ☐ Short, happy car rides
- ☐ Handle paws, ears and brush daily
- ☐ _____

Puppy-proofing

- ☐ Cables tied up and out of reach
- ☐ Cleaning products behind a latch
- ☐ Houseplants checked for toxicity
- ☐ Shoes, socks and remotes put away
- ☐ Bin with a lid
- ☐ Stair gate fitted
- ☐ Fence and garden gate checked
- ☐ _____

The first week, day by day

- ☐ Day one: quiet house, no visitors
- ☐ Day one: show the crate, leave it open
- ☐ Out to the toilet every hour
- ☐ Out after every meal, nap and game
- ☐ Same food at the same times as before
- ☐ Sleep within earshot for the first nights
- ☐ Name game and treats, twice a day
- ☐ Write down meals, toilet trips and sleep
- ☐ _____

Notes