



New Family Member Check List

Food/Bowls: When picking out food for your puppy or dog always check the nutrition statements for the AAFCO Statement. The Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) is an independent organization that has been guiding state, federal, and international feed regulators with ingredient definitions, label standards, and laboratory standards for more than 110 years while supporting the health and safety of people and animals. Some puppies may eat too fast and need a slow feeder bowl to help them digest food slower.

Example - (Name of product) is formulated to meet the nutritional levels established by the AAFCO dog Food Nutrient Profiles for all life stages except for growth of large size dogs (70 lbs. or more as an adult).



Kennel: Crate training a puppy takes advantage of the dog's instincts to seek out a comfortable, quiet, and safe place. Dogs like it best with a cover or dark create, to be more “den-like”. Crates are an important tool in preventing puppies from chewing on items in the home or inappropriate elimination during house training.

Treats: Treats are an important tool when training a new command or trading your puppy for an item they are not supposed to be chewing on.

Comb: Whether you have a long-haired or short-haired dog they need to be comfortable with you combing them, this builds a bond between you and your dog and reduces the amount of shedding. If you have a long-haired dog that needs to be groomed, ask your groomer the proper way to brush your dog to keep their long hair lush.

Blanket/bed: Dogs and puppies enjoy blankets and beds for comfort, but if your puppy is still in their chewing/ teething phase (this can last up to 2 years of age), they may need a blanket or towel that you aren't going to miss when they inevitably destroy it.

Toys: Toys with squeakers or ruffles are the most attractive to dogs. If you have a dog that enjoys taring stuffing, old stuffed animals are cheaper to replace than a sectional couch.

Chews/puzzles: Chew toys like raw bones, Himalayan Yak Chews and Nyla bones are a great option to keep your pup busy and clean their teeth. Puzzles and topples are another great option to keep your pup busy while you work or on days when the weather doesn't permit walks.

Leashes and Harness: Daily walks are important for any breed. 6-foot leashes and front attachment harness provide the best control of your dog. Buckle collars are important to hold your dog's tags with your phone number on them but are not safe for controlling your dog by the leash.