

# NEW DOG CHECKLIST



Like humans, dogs like new things. Continually rotate out your dog's toys, so they don't get bored.

## BASICS

- ☐ Healthy food

*Acana, Orijen, Nulo, Zignature, NutriSource*

- ☐ Food and water bowls
- ☐ 6 ft leash
- ☐ Collar
- ☐ Harness

*Ruffwear, Balance Harness*

- ☐ Poop bags and holder
- ☐ Bed
- ☐ Crate
- ☐ Basic first aid kit
- ☐ Collapsible water bowl

*For hikes, long car rides, and other adventures*

Try taking your dog on "sniffaris." These are walks for the **SOLE PURPOSE** of letting your dog sniff. Use a long lead to give them room to roam.

Bringing your dog's bedding with you when you travel can help them feel more at ease.

Focus on rewarding your dog for what they do right to encourage good behavior.

## TRAINING TOOLS

- ☐ Treat pouch
- ☐ Training treats (pea-sized)

*Lotus, Bixbi, Tricky Trainers*

- ☐ High-value food
- ☐ Clicker

*West Paw, Ziwi, Vital Essentials*

Training with a clicker not only helps you teach behaviors faster but is a great way to bond with your new dog!

## ENRICHMENT

- ☐ Squeaky toys
- ☐ Puzzle or interactive toys

*West Paw, Outward Hound, snuffle mat*

- ☐ Long leash (13+ ft)
- ☐ Chews

*Digestible (bully sticks, Himalayan cheese chews, No-hide) and non-digestible (Bonetics, Playology)*

- ☐ Lick mat and spreadable treats

## GROOMING

- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Brush
- ☐ Nail clippers
- ☐ Shampoo

Give your dog a lick mat while you groom them to make the process go smoothly.

## PRO TIP

When you bring a new dog into your home, it will take them time to adjust to their new situation. Every dog is different, but a general rule of thumb is that a dog will start to truly feel comfortable and bonded to you after three months.