

NEW PUPPY PARENT CHECKLIST



Start to teach your puppy to nicely give back their toy by trading it for their favorite treat.

BASICS

- Healthy food

Acana, Orijen, Nulo, NutriSource

- Water and food bowls
- Collapsible water bowl
- Pee pad
- 6 ft leash
- Buckle collar
- Harness

Ruffwear, Balance Harness

- Poop bags and holder
- Basic first aid kit
- Bed
- Crate

TRAINING TOOLS

- Treat pouch
- Training treats (pea-sized)

Lotus, Tricky Trainers, Bixbi

- High-value food
- West Paw, Ziwi, Open Farm*
- Clicker

To help with house training, feed your new puppy on a set schedule. Water should be freely available.



Puppies need to chew. To keep your pup from chewing on your slippers, provide appropriate chews and rotate them to keep them fun!



Puppies need 18–20 hours of sleep a day. So, make sure you don't disturb them while they're snoozing.



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



ENRICHMENT

- Squeaky toys
- Puzzle or interactive toys

West Paw, Outward Hound, snuffle mat

- Chews
- Digestible (bully sticks, Himalayan cheese chews, No-Hide) and non-digestible (West Paw, Playology)*

- Lick mat and spreadable treats

GROOMING

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Nail clippers
- Brush
- Shampoo

Before you clip your puppy's nails, gently manipulate their paws to get them used to handling.



PRO TIP

The most important socialization period within a dog's life is before they are 3 months old. This is when sociability outweighs fear, so it's the prime time to properly socialize your pup to new people, dogs, experiences, and objects!