

Puppy's name

Arrival date

Breeder or shelter

Their phone

- ☐ Crate big enough to stand up and turn around in
- ☐ Food and water bowls that won't tip over
- ☐ Collar or harness and a leash
- ☐ Baby gates or an exercise pen
- ☐ Small treats for training
- ☐ Dog toothbrush
- ☐ Enzyme cleaner for accidents

- ☐ Bed with a soft, washable blanket
- ☐ The food the puppy eats now (ask the breeder or shelter)
- ☐ ID tag with your phone number
- ☐ Chew toys too big to swallow
- ☐ Brush, comb and nail clippers
- ☐ Poop bags
- ☐ Crate or car harness for the drive, old towels

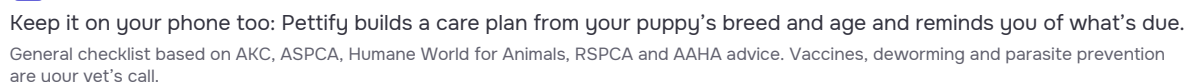
- ☐ Check every room at puppy height, on hands and knees
- ☐ Keep medicines in a closed cupboard
- ☐ Use bins with lids
- ☐ Move toxic houseplants out or up high
- ☐ Set up a quiet corner with the crate, bed and water

- ☐ Lock away cleaning products and detergents
- ☐ Put electrical cords and blind cords out of reach
- ☐ Shoes, socks and kids' small toys off the floor
- ☐ Check the fence and yard: gaps, plants, pest baits
- ☐ Pick a toilet spot outside

- ☐ Plan the arrival for days when someone is home
- ☐ Show the crate, water and toilet spot first
- ☐ Keep meals, walks and bedtime at the same times
- ☐ Keep the first week quiet: no dog parks or busy stores
- ☐ New people a few at a time, never forced

- ☐ Drive straight home, puppy in a crate or car harness
- ☐ Start toilet training on day one: go out often, reward
- ☐ Let the puppy explore with you watching
- ☐ Introduce other pets slowly; give the cat an escape route
- ☐ Leave a chew or puzzle toy when you go out

Notes



App Store

New puppy checklist

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First vet visit

- ☐ Choose a vet clinic before the puppy arrives
- ☐ Book the first check-up
- ☐ Save the nearest emergency clinic's number
- ☐ Bring the papers from the breeder or shelter

Ask the vet about

- ☐ Vaccines your puppy needs
- ☐ Spaying or neutering: pros, cons, timing
- ☐ Microchip and keeping its details current
- ☐ Puppy classes and socialization
- ☐ Preventing worms, fleas and ticks
- ☐ Food: which one, how much, how often
- ☐ Teeth, grooming and nail care
- ☐ Insurance or a wellness plan

Your own questions for the vet

Documents and records

- ☐ Registration papers or adoption contract
- ☐ Microchip number, registered in your name
- ☐ Pet insurance: decide before the first vet bill
- ☐ Vaccination and deworming record
- ☐ Dog license, if your city or county requires one
- ☐ All papers in one folder, with photos on your phone

House rules everyone agrees on

- ☐ Where the puppy sleeps at night
- ☐ The same words for cues: sit, down, come
- ☐ No food from the table
- ☐ Sign up for puppy classes
- ☐ Which rooms and furniture are allowed
- ☐ Reward what you like; no punishment
- ☐ Kids hold the puppy gently and let it sleep

Who does what

Feeding

Training

Walks and toilet trips

Vet visits and records

Notes

