

Creature Connections Behavior Alliance, llc



Positive Reinforcement Dog Training

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GETTING A NEW PUPPY CHECKLIST

ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

- Identification Tags
 - Collar and a Harness & Leash
 - Food and Water Bowls (Slow Bowls)
 - Healthy and Age Appropriate Dog Food (Work with Breeder/Vet)
 - Dog Food Storage
 - Waste bags and Holder

AT HOME GROOMING

- Brush (Slicker, Soft & Metal Comb)
 - Deshedder Brush
 - **Grooming Wipes**
 - Toothpaste and Toothbrush
 - Dog Shampoo & Conditioners
 - **Nail Clippers**

POTTY TRAINING & CLEANERS

- Potty Pads
 - **Enzyme Spray**
 - Vinegar & Water Spray
 - Vacuum and Carpet Cleaner
 - **Deoderizing Spray**
 - Washable Rags
 - Poop Bags / Scooper / 5 gal bucket

CONFINEMENT & COMFORT

- Puppy Crate Play pen or Baby Gates
 - Outside Fencing or Play area
 - Blankets or Matt for Crate













HEALTH CARE & OTHER

- Microchip
- Choose a Veterinarian
- Choose a Pet Insurance
- Choose a Pet Sitter/Dog Walker
- Choose a Dog Groomer
- **Embark DNA**
- Puppy Vaccines & Boosters
- Heartworm, Flea & Tick Prevention
- **Parasite Testing**
- **Puppy Supplements**
- Emergency Kit/First Aid Kit (Wound Spray, Self Cling Bandages Eye Wash, Tweezers, Styptic Powder Blunt Scissors, Ear Cleaning Solution)
- Dog Cone, Muzzle
- 2% Hydrogen Peroxide (induce vomiting)
- **Medical Records**
- Important Phone #'s, Poison Control

TRAINING, TOYS & TRAVEL

- Choose a Positive Reinforcement Dog Trainer
 - Training Treats & Training Bag
 - Training Clicker
 - 30 foot Training Leash
 - Chew Toys / Bitter Apple Spray
 - Puzzle Toys & Brain Games
 - Fetch Toys (Balls, Frisbee, Flirt Pole)
 - Frozen Toys for Teething
 - Enrichment Toys
 - Crate for Car or Seatbelt system
 - Collapsible Food & Water Bowls
 - Travel Dog Bed
 - Dog "GO" bag



PUPPY PREPARATION

SET YOURSELF UP FOR SUCCESS BY PRE-THINKING, PREPARING, AND MANAGING YOUR RELATIONSHIP, ENVIRONMENT, AND GOALS FOR LIFE WITH YOUR NEW PUPPY



BEFORE YOU GET YOUR PUP



- 1. Research in detail the type of pup you are interested in. Know if the Breed of pup is approprate for your lifestyle.
- 2. Research your breeder, shelter, or other to make sure they are reputable & have references of experience & referrals that you can call.
- 3. Make sure you know what you are getting (puppy mill, backyard breeder)
- 4. Meet the people incharge of the care of your puppy (Are they in it for the money or for the animals?)
- 5. Evaluate health & safety (Is the kennels or house clean?)
- 6. Get DNA tests regarding parents (Embark) health,
- 7. Get Lineage of parents (Show, Working, Companion)
- 8. Go thru the "Getting a New Puppy Checklist" and make sure you are

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HOUSE RULES & MANAGEMENT

- 1. Set up your house rules, what do you want out of your pup
- 2. Is your pup a house companion or take everywhere kind of relationship you want?
- 3. Decide what is most important in your house (not on furniture, no jumping on guests, etc)
- 4. Prepare to manage the house rules (you don't want your pup practicing unwanted behaviors)





CLEAN UP

- 1. Be sure puppy area and your house is free of dirt and debris and pathogens
- 2. Clean & Disinfect House & Puppy Area



CHEWING

- 1. Puppies chew because of teething, are naturally inquisitive and learn their environment much like a toddler, by putting everything in their mouth
- 2. Remove all items that can be chewed or ingested
- 3. Remove all Shoes, Laundry, Childrens Toys



DANGER

- 1. Protect your investment, in not only your puppy but your stuff. Puppies, just like a toddler will find things that they shouldn't have.
- 2. Remove all medications & put them in a cabinet
- 3. Remove all batteries, household cleaners, detergents, plant fertilizers
- 4. Remove all household plants from area and put them out of reach
- 5. Remove all cords or get cord covers to protect from shock, burns or worse.
- 6. Get a taste Deterant for furniture and refresh frequently

