

NEW DOG CHECKLIST



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Animal
Shelter**

You are feeling ready to give a dog a new home, but what items should you have in order to do so? Outlined below are items to ensure you have what you need for the new family addition! Each breed of dog and individual animal will have its own needs and preferences. Some items such as type of harness, food, chews should be discussed with your trainers and veterinarian. Employees at the local pet store are a great resource to find the right option for your pet as well!

THE BASICS

A number of items are needed to meet the basic necessities of your new pup. For feeding, walking and naps, an outline of the basics are below.

- Food bowl
- Water bowl
- Bag of food
- Collar
- Identification Tags
- Leash (standard 6 ft clip leash)
- Harness
- Poop bags
- Pooper scooper (if dog will be utilizing a yard)
- Pet/baby gate(s)
- Appropriately sized kennel or crate
- Bed (elevated or plush)
- Enzyme cleaner (for floors in case of accidents!)
- Variety of treats (different flavors and textures)

GROOMING SUPPLIES

Different types of grooming supplies are best suited for different types of animals. A fluffy, long hair dog needs a different type of brush than a short haired dog.

- Grooming brush(es)
- Nail clippers/grinder
- Dog shampoo and/or conditioner
- Other grooming supplies (such as toothbrush, grooming wipes, etc.)

THE FUN STUFF

A variety of options to play and chew are vital for your new pup. As you get to know their personality and preferences, these sorts of decisions will become much easier to know what they will like. To start this process, it is best to get a variety! Always monitor your new pet with toys and chews to ensure they are being utilized safely.

- Interactive feeders
- Chew toys (sized appropriately for their mouth)
- Appropriately sized Kong for enrichment
- Safe, digestible bones and chews
- Assortment of toys (plush, soft, hard, rubber, rope, balls, squeaks etc.)

