



environment

Puppy-proof your home. Pick up anything small enough to be swallowed. Provide chew toys and put away anything you do not want chewed on. Chewing is a natural and necessary part of puppyhood. Keep plenty of play toys to keep your puppy active and entertained. This helps to prevent destructive "play" such as chewing shoes and roughing up furniture. A puppies environment should be safe and warm. A puppy needs a lot of attention and love. Keep their living space clean. Puppies need a good bed. Place the bed in a corner that is draft-free and that is reserved strictly for the puppy. Puppies, like babies, sleep a lot.



diet

Always buy premium Dog/Puppy food. Nutrition is the basis for good health.



water

It is absolutely essential that your puppy have access to water at all times. Maintain a bowl of water in the same area as his feeding bowl and freshen it frequently. Use a separate bowl for water.



house training

Decide how you will house train your puppy before you bring it home. Will you teach it to go outside, or use a litter box. Will you crate train it? A regular schedule of feeding, potty breaks and bedtimes will help ease the puppy through the transition into your home and make house training much easier. Use an enzymatic cleaner to clean up accidents and eliminate odors.



grooming & hygiene

Once your puppy has settled in, begin introducing him to basic grooming. Use a soft brush to gently groom your puppy. This will make future visits to the groomer and vet much more pleasant. Routine dental care is very important. Get your dog special toothbrush and non-foaming toothpaste. Use regularly. Some toys work like dental floss and are made to help maintain dental health.

shopping list

- premium dog food
- food and water dish
- toys
- crate and pad
- wee-wee pads
- spot carpet cleaner
- grooming supplies
- book about puppies

fun facts

misc. information

keep training sessions short and upbeat

keep small, easily eaten treats on hand as a reward for positive reinforcement

i.d. tag should have puppy's name and your phone number

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