

# Dog Supply Check List



## The Basics

- Buckle collar: leather or non-stretch material. Make sure it is “2-fingers” snug and can’t come off.
- Leash: strong clasp and thick leather or double-ply woven for your comfort.
- ID tag: with your phone number, attached securely to collar.
- Water and food bowls: use stainless steel or ceramic with no painting in the inside. Plastic can absorb bacteria and smell.
- Dog food: gradually change over to the food of your choice. Use a good grade of dog food. Premium dog food can lead to lower vet bills. Dry food is good for teeth and digestion. No table scraps: feeding table scraps encourages begging. It’s your job to keep food out of reach.
- Biscuits: avoid those with food coloring. Use to reward good behavior.
- Crate: an invaluable tool, especially at the beginning. Avoid crating a dog for more than 5 hours. Place safe toys inside. Folding crates are also ideal for traveling. If the dog chews on crate bars, get the Vari-kennel or airline crate. Make sure the crate is large enough for dog when full grown.
- Organic apple cider vinegar: a little added to water bowl daily can help digestion and deter fleas.
- Baby gates: a good confinement alternative. Make sure dog can’t get head/paws caught in gate, can’t chew through or knock down the gate or jump the gate.
- Pet-specific cleaners: such as Simple Solution or Nature’s Miracle, available from pet supply stores. They remove pet stains and odors.
- Flea and tick preventative (e.g., Frontline, Advantix).
- Heart-worm preventative: prescription, available from your vet.

## Training Essentials

- Harness: easy walk harness or two-step harness for pullers.
- Training rewards treats.
- Chew deterrent: (e.g., Bitter Apple or Yuck).

## Grooming Supplies

- Brush: brush daily; good for skin and can be better than bathing.
- Nail clippers.
- Styptic powder: for clipping nails.
- Dog shampoo.
- Ear cleaner.
- Grooming wipes: for between bath cleanups.
- De-shedding tool: (eg., Furminator).

## Bedding and Travel

- Bedding: easy to clean, thick enough for comfort.
- Car seat covers: protect seats.
- All-purpose dog blanket.

## Toys & Misc.

- Toys: use safe chew toys, such as non-rawhide-based chew-strips. Soft toys are good for some dogs, but others will pull them apart, so remove if this happens.
- Kong toys: chewing and keeping dogs occupied in their crate.
- For puppies: teething chew toys (e.g., Chilly Bone or Ruff Puppy Teethers).
- Long lasting chew bones: (e.g., Nylabones, natural bones, marrow bones).
- Clean-up bag dispenser for leash: (e.g., Bags on Board).
- Dog behavior or training book.