

New puppy checklist

PAPERWORK TO COLLECT AT PICKUP

- ☐ Sale or adoption contract
- ☐ Vet record of any vaccinations and checks so far
- ☐ Microchip number and database name
- ☐ Registration papers, if any
- ☐ Pet passport or vet certificate if born abroad
- ☐ Insurance cover note, if offered
- ☐ Puppy contract or information pack (UK)
- ☐ Evidence of worming and flea treatments
- ☐ How to move the microchip to your details
- ☐ Neutering status (if adopted)
- ☐ Name and amount of the food they eat now
- ☐ Breeder or shelter contact for questions

SUPPLIES AT HOME

- ☐ Crate or bed in a quiet spot
- ☐ The same food they eat now
- ☐ Puppy pads or a planned toilet spot
- ☐ Poop bags and cleaner
- ☐ Food and water bowls
- ☐ Collar with ID tag, and a leash
- ☐ Chew toys
- ☐ Baby gates, cables and hazards tidied away

BOOK IN THE FIRST WEEKS

- ☐ First vet check-up (check your contract for a deadline)
- ☐ Microchip details updated to your name and address
- ☐ Dog license, if your city or county requires one (Northern Ireland: required)
- ☐ Puppy class or socialization plan
- ☐ Take the breeder's or shelter's records to it
- ☐ Collar tag with your name and address (UK: required in public)
- ☐ Pet insurance

ROUTINE EVERYONE FOLLOWS

Meal times and amounts (as the breeder or vet advised)

Toilet spot and cue word	Bedtime and where they sleep
House rules: furniture, rooms, stairs	
Who feeds, walks and cleans up	

CONTACTS

Vet: clinic and phone	Emergency or after-hours vet
Breeder or shelter	Microchip registry: name and phone

QUESTIONS FOR THE FIRST VET VISIT

For example: vaccinations, parasite treatment, neutering, when they can go out and meet other dogs, how much to feed.

Your questions

DATES FROM THE VET

Write what was done and the next date exactly as your vet gives them.

Date	What was done, as written by the vet	Next date the vet gave

THEIR FIRST WEEKS, FOR THE RECORDS

Date they came home	Weight on day one
First vet visit date	Name chosen by
First photo taken	First night notes
Firsts to remember	

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