

# Recommended Shopping and To-Do List

Dog Food Information will be provided at 7 weeks of age.

### **Interview Trainer**

We recommend conventional, in person training. Your trainer should visit your home within the first week of the puppy joining your family. We recommend that your trainer does an initial visit in your home to start off on the right track. They can give you "homework" to help keep on track until your puppy is old enough for group classes.

"Animal Behaviorist" is the key terms you are looking for. DO NOT USE A TRAINER AT PETCO OR ALIKE. Find a professional trainer. Group classes can begin at 4 months of age, after all shots have been given.

# Make Your First Vet Appointment

Per our contract, puppy needs initial veterinarian visit within 3 business days of pick-up to activate your health guarantee. Heath records will be provided to you.

# **Investigate Pet Insurance**

Trupanion.com offers no waiting period if enrolled online within first 24 hours after picking up puppy. We will provide you with activation codes in your Go Home Packet. Accidents happen! WE STRONGLY RECOMEND PET INSURURANCE.

# Dog Bed

This is the starter bed we recommend. They will outgrow it very quickly, so purchase a basic bed that can be thrown in the wash. This breed tends to like soft beds with a bumper.

- Starter Bed - Medium Size

We also like throw sized blankets for the sleeping crate. They are easy to wash in case of accidents.

- Our favorite blankets

# Groomer

Boutique groomer. NOT PETCO OR PETSMART. Your puppy will need to be groomed every 4 weeks. Your puppy cannot go to the groomer until they are around 15/16 weeks of age and have had all their shots. Prior to this, we recommend weekly baths, brushing and nail trims at home.

# **Food and Water Bowls**

We like metal bowls. Avoid plastic (they turn into chew toys)

- 24 ounce Bowl

#### **Treats**

We recommend a "cookie" every time your puppy goes in the crate.

-Blue Health Bars

Training treats should be as small as a pea. A child can have 10 M&M's but not 10 pieces of cake.

-Blue Training Treats

#### Wire Crate

We buy our crates from Amazon, Chewy or Tractor Supply. This will serve as a safe place for your puppy when they cannot be supervised. We do NOT recommend a corral. This breed climbs so the corrals are worthless after 9 weeks of age. This crate will help with continuing training and keep your puppy safe.

# - Double Door Dog Crate

Buy crate with 2 doors and a divider.

Miniatures - 36" L x 24" W x 27" H

Mediums - 42" L x 28" W x 33" H

Standards - 48" L x 30" W x 33" H

Note that the stated packaging weights may be larger than your puppy will be. This breed stretches out when they sleep. Also, by utilizing the divider, you will just have to purchase one crate, rather than a new crate every month.

# **Leash and Collar**

Collar:

Miniatures - Size Extra Small - 3/8 inch x 8-12 inches

Mediums and Standards - Size Small - 5/8 inch x 10-14 inches

Leash:

Miniatures - Size Extra Small - 3/8 inch x 6 ft

Mediums - Size Small - 5/8 inch x 6 ft

Please bring your leash and collar with you when you pick up your puppy. The smaller the clasp the better, so it won't be heavy on their neck.

# **Cleaning Solutions**

We like Nature's Miracles Products. They have several options depending on your need to clean up accidents. We also like their laundry boosts for bedding accidents.

Nature's Miracle

# **Sheets**

Two sheets that will completely cover the play crate and sleeping crate.

Play Crate:

Miniatures - Queen size

Mediums and Standards - King size

Sleeping Crate:

All - Twin size

# **Grooming Supplies**

Our Favorites:

Shampoo - Cowboy Magic Shampoo

Conditioner - Cowboy Magic Conditioner

Spot Detangler - Cowboy Magic Detangler and Shine

**De-Matting Comb** 

Slicker Brush

Comb

**Nail Clippers** 

Quick Stop Bleeding Powder (For accidents when trimming nails)

Scissor kit

TropiClean Fresh Breath Kit

Pro Ear Cleaner

Pro Ear Powder

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Avoid super soft toys with squeakers. It encourages them to be destructive. They can eat the squeakers and then you must make sure the squeaker comes out, one end or the other!

We also do not like Kongs that you can fill. Dogs can easily get their tongue or jaw stuck in them.

The BEST sleeping buddies (your puppy will come home with one) come from Kohl's Cares. The toy designs change but they normally have good options.

Kohl's Cares Toys

Yack Cheese Chews are also a must. There are several brands and sizes to pick from Yack Cheese

Some of our other Favorites:

Plush Moose

Balls

Hol-ee Ball (These are a must!)

Nylabones Wubba Weave Bottle Toy