

## Recommended Shopping and To-Do List

### 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 do 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. Health 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. 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 starter crate. They are easy to wash in case of accidents.

- [Our favorite blankets](#)

### Groomer

Boutique groomer. NOT PETCO OR PETSMAART. Your puppy will need to be groomed every 4 weeks.

Your puppy cannot go to the groomer until they are 16 weeks old and have had all their shots. Prior to 16 weeks of age, we recommend weekly baths, brushing and nail trims.

### Dog Food

Please check with us to see what food your puppy is eating! We have several brands that we love, and it sometimes changes based on the litter.

### 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 Crates

We recommended buying crates from Amazon, Chewy or Tractor Supply. They tend to have the best prices! 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.

We recommend a 24-inch wire crate as a starter crate. Many families purchase both the starter crate, and their adult crate when they bring their puppy home. By using the dividers, you can use the starter crate in your bedroom, and have the larger crate in a

central location in your home for during the day. (We refer to this as the “play crate”) Additionally, this starter crate is great to have in the beginning for car rides.

#### [- Double Door Dog Crate](#)

**Buy crate with a divider. We prefer crates with 2 doors for our adults.**

Starter – 24" L x 18" W x 20" H  
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 for your adult, 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](#)

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.

Leash

Miniatures - [Size Extra Small - 3/8 inch x 6 ft](#)  
Mediums - [Size Small - 5/8 inch x 6 ft](#)

#### **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 starter crate.

Play Crate:

Miniatures - Queen size  
Mediums and Standards - King size

Starter:

Twin

#### **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)

[Shear Kit](#)

[Trimmer](#) (For bottoms)

[TropiClean Fresh Breath Kit](#)

[Pro Ear Cleaner](#)

[Pro Ear Powder](#)

[Mudbuster](#)

### **Toys**

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](#)

[Bottle Toy](#)

[Wubba Weave](#)

