

What your puppy will need:

- ◇ Food bowl
- ◇ Water bowl
- ◇ Crate—just big enough for your puppy to sit in, lay down in and turn around in. You will need to change as they grow.
- ◇ Vet bed
- ◇ A way to secure your puppy in the car (This is a legal requirement). We would recommend a purpose made dog box.
- ◇ If you have hard floors; non slip mats or runners to go down on the floor to ensure your puppy doesn't need to walk on the hard slippery floor.
- ◇ Poo bags
- ◇ Collar and lead with security tag with your name, address, postcode and contact telephone number. It does not have to have the dogs name on.
- ◇ Good Quality Dog food (although the breeder should send you home with some to keep you going)
- ◇ Good Quality Training Treats
- ◇ Insurance. Level is your decision, but we would always recommend third party liability as a minimum.
- ◇ Something for your puppy to chew on
- ◇ Grooming Equipment; brush, comb, nail clippers, toothbrush, toothpaste, nail clippers, puppy shampoo
- ◇ Ensure your garden is completely secure and free from hazards, toxic plants and stones etc.
- ◇ The number of the veterinary practise you have chosen to use and register your puppy as soon as you bring him/her home in case of emergency



Congratulations on your new puppy!

Here are our 10 golden rules for a new puppy.

- 1. Always be consistent.
- 2. Begin with informal training, this consists of conditioning rather than commands.
- 3. Keep lessons short, around 5 minutes at a time is enough. A puppy quickly loses concentration. Remember you can do a few sessions a day, lots of little bits are better than one long period.
- 4. Always be patient with your puppy, they can be easily distracted and forget things.
- 5. Always reward the right behaviour with plenty of praise and treats. It's important for your puppy to know he/she is being good.
- 6. Allow the puppy time to get used to being left on its own, short periods at first with you still in the house; increase the time left alone over several weeks.
- 7. Give your puppy plenty of toilet breaks. Remember if an accident happens go back to more regular breaks. Ignore the accident and always praise your puppy when they go in the correct place.
- 8. Never use your puppy's name to tell them off.
- 9. Handle your puppy regularly; get them used to having their feet and teeth checked. Ensure they get used to regular brushing if their coat requires it.
- 10. Ensure you make time to play with your puppy.
- Remember, your dog is what you put into it. With consistent work and boundaries your puppy will grow into a well mannered, well socialised dog. When your puppy demonstrates the right behaviour make sure they know it!
- Enjoy your puppy, it will soon grow up.

