

NEW PUPPY PREP LIST

LAY OF THE LAND

Before you bring your new dog home, discuss house rules with people in your household. Get on the same page about who will be responsible for care, where is the dog allowed/not allowed, etc. When you begin training your dog, write down the words they know and share them with other household members to keep everything consistent and clear for the new dog.

USE A BIG SCOOP OF POSITIVITY

Take a percentage of your dog's daily kibble (25 or 30% is a good start) and carry it with you while you're home with them. Whenever you see the dog doing something you'd like to see more of - offer them some kibble as a reward. You'll be surprised how well this little exercise pays off!

SHOW THEM THE BATHROOM

Good potty habits start with a solid routine. Bring them to the area you'd like them to use on leash and let them spend time sniffing. If they choose to go, offer them a tasty treat and tell them they've done a good job.

SOCIAL BUTTERFLY

Socialization is key for puppies under the age of 12 weeks. During this crucial period of development puppies are learning the most they can about the world around them. Pair new experiences with a tasty treat to make sure your puppy is learning good things about the world! Don't forget to be mindful of their lack of vaccines - avoid areas with lots of unknown dogs. Stick to familiar dogs or consider carrying your puppy in a sling or stroller to avoid contact with potentially contaminated ground.



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