

**Shopping List**  
**Before You Bring Home Puppy, if possible!**

1. **Food and Water Bowls** – Heavy and Tip Proof (\$20)
2. **Collar & ID Tag, Harness** (for walking), **Leashes** (6 ft. and 15–30 ft. retractable), Grooming tools: brushes, shampoo (I use [TropiClean](#)), animal nail clippers, tooth brush. (\$20 - \$30)
3. **Enzyme Cleaner Spray** (for those puppy potty accidents) **Simple Solution** or other generic. (\$30)
4. **Toys** (\$10 or more) Remember, they can turn the simplest things into play time. Empty boxes, ribbon, crumpled paper, **bouncy playground ball (a personal FUN favorite)**, etc... **Squeaky or Crinkly toys** and a few **Rope** toys that you can easily toss are great starters.
5. **Chewys** - Invest in some **Bully Sticks** or **Bully Slices**, Please avoid rawhide dog chews and cheap dollar/grocery store chews or treats. As they can be extremely dangerous.

In addition, I do NOT recommend purchasing any training treats at this time, as they frequently cause diarrhea and have unhealthy preservatives in them. ***Pieces of their dog food kibble work well for training!*** Aussies are usually very food motivated. Also, if you can, try and train your dog to eat carrots, as they love the crunch and it's great for their teeth!

5. **Puppy Food** – Invest in a mid-grade or higher quality food, as it will be worth it in the long term health of your puppy. You will obtain a small ziplock bag of Victor from me at pick-up. You can use it while you change brands gradually to your chosen puppy food. The puppies are on dry kibble when they go home, about ½ - ¾ cup, 2-3 times a day. ( I use **Victor Nutra Pro** which only available at feed stores & on-line at [www.Chewy.com](http://www.Chewy.com) and Amazon.) (\$20-\$50)

Link to Amazon Shopping List: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/25MW0013H8SE0?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/25MW0013H8SE0?ref=wl_share)

6. **Dental Care/Fresh Breath** - It is good to train your dog in getting their teeth brushed from a young age, I also try to use one or more of the following each day: Carrot Stick, Dental Water Additive, Raw Frozen Chicken Wings or any sort of Raw Bone w/Marrow. (\$5-\$20)
7. **X-pen or Gate** for puppy containment area. **Kennel or Crate** (Only if you are planning to kennel train your puppy for the purposes of potty training) – Approx. 30" X 21", or larger. (\$65 - \$90)
8. **Dog Beds** - One for them in the house and one that you can use in the crate or pen area, they usually make fleece ones with bumpers that fit the shape of the kennel or crate you are buying (\$20 - \$30) Don't spend too much, sometimes you may get a puppy that just chews up their beds! In which case use old towels/blankets or don't give them any bedding at all until they get older!

## Recommended Reading List:

(Click on each item for a direct link to the item on Amazon.com)

[‘The Art of Raising A Puppy’ by The Monks of New Skete](#)  
[‘How to Be Your Dogs Best Friend’ by The Monks of New Skete](#)  
[‘The Australian Shepherd-Champion of Versatility’ by Liz Palika](#)

**If you have younger children at home:**

[‘Raising Puppies and Kids Together: A Guide for Parents’ by Pia Silvani & Lynn Eckhardt](#)

**If you are not a reader, this video series is highly recommended and is on DVD.**

**-Great for watching together as a Family-**  
[Raising Your Dog with the Monks of New Skete](#)

Current Dog Food:

