

Puppy Shopping List

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1. **Food and Water Bowls** – Heavy and Tip Proof Bowls (\$20) Tip Proof Travel [Bowl](#)
2. **Collar & ID Tag, Harness** (for walking), **Leashes** (6 ft. and 15–30 ft. retractable), **HIGHLY recommend a simple MESH harness** for your puppies first few weeks of learning to walk on a leash. [Mesh Harness](#) Grooming tools: brushes, shampoo, animal nail clippers, toothbrush/fresh breath water additive. (\$20 - \$30)
3. **Enzyme Cleaner Spray** (for those puppy potty accidents) **Simple Solution** or other generic Spray. [Spray Floor Cleaner](#) (\$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. **Healthy Chewy's** - Invest in some **Bully Sticks, Bully Slices, Collagen Sticks**. Please AVOID cheap off brand RAWHIDE dog chews and cheap dollar/grocery store chews or treats. As they can be extremely dangerous.

Treats: 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!*** If you would like to give your puppy treats I advise a natural meat, food grade, jerky like this one: [Chicken Jerky](#). Aussies are usually very food motivated. Please try to train your dog to eat carrots (and/or other raw vegetables), as they love the crunch and it's great for their teeth!
6. **Puppy Food** - Invest in a quality meat & grain based dog food. See '[What Should I Feed My Dog](#)' New research shows that a complete lack of grains in a dog's diet over a lifetime is not natural to their historical ancestors and some dogs today have been shown to have premature heart conditions in their later years. If you plan to feed a raw meat diet, make sure to supplement with some veggies and whole grains or purchase your raw food from a reputable dog food product manufacturer, either on-line or in a pet store. (\$20-\$80) *Contact us to see what puppy food your baby is currently eating.* You will receive a baggie full of this food at pick-up in order for you to transition your puppy slowly to your new chosen food.
7. **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, Greenies, DentaStix, Dental Water Additive, RAW Frozen Chicken Wings or any sort of RAW Bone Marrow. (\$5-\$20) [Water Additive](#)

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8. **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)

9. **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*](#)