



Bringing Home Your Puppy

Tips for early-day successes, nighttime wins & lifelong well-being



ENJOY THE DAY

Introduce family and other pets slowly

Let puppy set the pace and keep interactions positive.

Pick a potty spot

Positive reinforcement, consistency, and good supervision will help when it comes to housetraining most puppies.

Set house rules

Be consistent with what you permit puppy to do. Start with some training basics and consider puppy-proofing your house.



SURVIVE THE NIGHT

Establish a bedtime routine

Prepare puppy for bed with a brief playtime, a potty break, and a small snack before putting them in the crate.

Create a feeling of security

Putting the crate in your bedroom and/or providing a blanket that smells of the pup's mother may help.

Nighttime potty breaks

When puppy whines, take him outside for a quiet, boring potty break, then put him back in the crate.



PLAN AHEAD

Book a veterinary visit

Puppies should have a health check-up within a few days of coming home.

Plan for new experiences

From teeth brushing to car trips, positive exposure to these activities early on will help your pup enjoy them throughout life.

Be prepared for emergencies

Learn about common health problems and basic pet first aid. Consider pet insurance to prevent unanticipated medical expenses.