

The Ultimate Shopping List for Every New Pooch Owner

So, you're expecting a new furry bundle of doggy joy, congratulations! Dogs need a little more than your overwhelming love and attention to thrive and survive in their new home, so make sure to be prepared with this list of pooch essentials.

Beds and blankets

A few soft towels in the corner of a room or a luxury leather chaise with orthopedic memory foam—the choice is yours. However, might we suggest you leave the fancy beds until your dog's urge to chew everything in sight has subsided.

Bowls

Popular options are: stainless steel (durable and inexpensive), ceramic (easy to clean), or plastic (strong and light). You'll need separate bowls for water and food.

Collar

Too loose and your dog will pull it off. Too tight and it could cut into your dog's skin. A general rule is to make sure you can fit two fingers comfortably between it and your dog's neck. Must-have: an ID tag with your phone number.

Leash

Nylon leashes are easy, inexpensive, and the most popular option. If you've got yourself a leash-lunger, you might need to upgrade to something with more control, like a harness or double-connection leash.

Travel accessories

Whether you're planning a 3-day hike, or a cross-country road trip, it's always a good idea to carry a collapsible bowl and dog food travel container, just in case. A pet seat cover to protect your car from muddy paws and shedding hair is a good idea too.

Bathing accessories

A hand-held shower head, no-slip bath mat, hair catcher for the drain, doggy shampoo, and some old towels (more than you think necessary) will make the bathing experience more pleasant for both of you.

Grooming supplies

These depend on the length and thickness of your dog's coat. A soft bristle brush may be enough for your short haired pup, but for the more luscious locks, invest in a sturdy metal comb and maybe a hair trimmer. Some nail clippers and pet hair lint rollers won't go to waste either.

Crates

These are a great and safe way to teach your dog the boundaries of the house and should be big enough for your dog to stand up, turn around and lie down. A collapsible wire crate is a popular option as they're easily moved and even easier to clean.

Chews and toys

Puppies love to chew and play with soft plush toys. Balls, ropes, and other throwing toys encourage playing with people, and chew toys keep their mouths occupied with things other than your new shoes.

Cleaning supplies

Get an enzymatic carpet cleaner for those inevitable rug accidents and bring disposable waste bags for every walk.

Shopping Checklist

Basics

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Crate | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bowls (water + food) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dog gate | <input type="checkbox"/> | Collar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Beds | <input type="checkbox"/> | ID tag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Blankets | <input type="checkbox"/> | Leash |
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Bathing accessories

- Hand-held shower head
- No-slip bath mat
- Hair catcher
- Doggie shampoo

Grooming supplies

- Brush/comb
- Hair trimmer
- Nail clippers
- Pet hair lint roller

Travel accessories

- Collapsible bowl
- Dog food travel container
- Pet car-seat cover

Chews and toys

- Balls/ropes
- Chew toys
- Plush toys

Cleaning supplies

- Carpet cleaner
- Disposable waste bags