

GOTCHA DAY PREPARATION

Your puppy-ready checklist

A little preparation goes a long way. Check off each item as you get your home and family ready for your new HeyDoods puppy.

IMPORTANT: HOLD OFF ON BUYING DOG FOOD

Please do not purchase puppy food yet! Your puppy will come home with NutriSource food samples and coupons, so you can use your discounts before buying their food. We will share their current feeding information at pickup.

01 | Essential supplies

- ☐ A properly sized crate with room to stand, turn around, and lie down comfortably
- ☐ Washable bedding or a crate mat, plus a few spare towels
- ☐ Food and water bowls, preferably easy-to-clean stainless steel
- ☐ A comfortable harness, lightweight leash, and ID tag
- ☐ Puppy-safe chew toys, enrichment toys, and a few small training treats
- ☐ Enzymatic cleaner, poop bags, and puppy-safe grooming supplies

02 | Make your home puppy-safe

- ☐ Move electrical cords, medications, chemicals, and small swallowable objects out of reach
- ☐ Secure trash cans, household plants, shoes, and anything tempting to chew
- ☐ Check fences, gates, doors, stairs, and any gaps a small puppy could slip through

THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

Ready for Gotcha Day

Finish these last steps, and remember: your puppy does not need a perfect home, just a safe, patient, loving one.

03 | Set up your puppy's routine

- ☐ Choose a quiet crate location near the family; plan to keep your puppy close overnight at first
- ☐ Pick a designated outdoor potty spot and a safe route to get there
- ☐ Decide who will handle meals, potty breaks, playtime, and overnight outings
- ☐ Plan frequent potty opportunities after waking, eating, drinking, and playing
- ☐ Agree on simple, consistent cue words and reward-based training for everyone in the home

04 | Prepare for the homecoming

- ☐ Schedule your first veterinary wellness visit and discuss the vaccine and parasite-prevention plan
- ☐ Arrange a safe ride home with a secure travel carrier or appropriate restraint
- ☐ Plan a calm first few days with limited visitors and plenty of rest
- ☐ Set aside time for gentle bonding, supervised play, and short, positive crate sessions
- ☐ Keep your HeyDoods go-home information and veterinary records somewhere easy to find

A LITTLE HEYDOODS REMINDER

Skip the food shopping for now. We are sending NutriSource samples and coupons home with your puppy. Use those savings first, and avoid switching foods abruptly. Introduce new foods gradually with veterinary guidance.

Questions before pickup? We are always here for our HeyDoods families.