

Puppy Supplies

1. Crate with puppy divider: Usually 17 X 24 is sufficient. I like the crates with 2 doors. Example: https://www.amazon.com/MidWest-Folding-Divider-Protecting-Leak-Proof/dp/B000HCLDFC/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&keywords=puppy+crate&qid=1607098018&refinements=p_n_feature_eight_browse-bin%3A12033818011%2Cp_n_feature_three_browse-bin%3A12033804011&s=pet-supplies&sr=1-4 When you pick up your puppy, your folder will include instructions for crate training. This is the only way they are forced to learn to control their bladder. I highly recommend crate training! Your puppy is used to sleeping in a crate with the door open. You'll need to make it pleasurable to be in there with the door closed. Include chew toys and give a treat when they enter the crate.
2. Pad, towel, blanket, etc. for crate: Initially, old towels may be best since you will be using the crate divider to limit the space and the divider doesn't always fit with pads. Also, towels are easier to wash. I provide a small blanket that smells like littermates, mama, and adults (human and canine).
3. Food: I provide a 2.5-pound bag of Royal Canin Small Puppy. I recommend switching to Royal Canin Small Adult around 10 months of age. Always change foods gradually. When looking for good food recommendations, I refer to DogFoodAdvisor.com. I used to avoid corn at all costs. However, I found that my babies had persistent diarrhea unless the kibble included corn. This prompted me to investigate the potential need for corn in adult food to avoid GI problems. I now believe corn is a beneficial ingredient if processed properly. When choosing a food, I try to keep the protein to 30% or less. Too much protein can lead to persistent diarrhea.
4. Food and water bowls: I like stainless steel. The puppies are used to eating from stainless steel.
5. Measuring cup or scoop for food (puppies will be eating approximately ½ cup twice daily)
6. Leash: I prefer 4 foot leashes (most are 6 foot). I will provide initial puppy harness, leash, and car seat belt for safe journey home.
7. Toys: They love crinkle toys, ropes (cut off strings as they start to fray), and soft rubber/plastic teething toys. I tend to buy yellow and blue toys when available since these are the colors dogs can see. Avoid hard plastic toys as they can break teeth.
8. Bully sticks (**always supervise your puppy so they don't choke on the end of the stick**). These are a great pacifier to keep your puppy occupied. They are 100% digestible and are good for the teeth. Throw stick away when it gets small enough to swallow. NEVER give rawhide. I prefer Best Bully Sticks. These are available on their website and also through Amazon. Bully sticks have an unpleasant odor. You can buy odorless sticks but my dogs don't like them. Apparently the odor is pleasant to them.
9. Training treats: Wait until at least four months old to begin formal training. Formal training programs use lots of treats for rewards. Your puppy's tummy is not ready for all those treats yet. For training I use Crazy Dog Train Me bacon flavored treats. [Amazon.com : Crazy Dog Train-Me! Bacon Mini Training Reward Treats \(1 Pouch\), 10 Oz : Pet Supplies](#)
10. Daily treats: Raw carrots are great for teething puppies. For everyday treats, I use freeze dried beef liver. These treats must be cut into smaller pieces. https://www.amazon.com/Stewart-401412-Freeze-Dried-Treats/dp/B00SX4V7NE/ref=sr_1_2_sspa?dchild=1&keywords=freeze+dried+liver+treats&qid=1607099326&s=pet-supplies&sr=1-2-spons&psc=1&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUEyOVJCU1gxQkY1NTAwJmVuY3J5cHRIZElkPUEwMzI2ODUzMVBTUTBLSUwzSOI1NiZlbnNyeXB0ZWRBZEIkPUEwNTQ0NTQwM09MTDczTkI

[wRzNDRiZ3aWRnZXROYW1IPXNwX2F0ZiZhY3Rpb249Y2xpY2tSZWRpcmVjdCZkb05vdExvZ0NsaWNrPXRydWU=](https://www.amazon.com/Virbac-003108-Epi-Otic-Advanced-Cleaner/dp/B074P6C27C/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&keywords=epiotic&qid=1607099790&s=petsupplies&sr=1-4)

11. Ear care: You'll need Epi Otic, cotton balls to remove excess cleaner, and Q-tips to clean crevices. Be very careful using Q-tips. Hold the puppy's head firmly so he/she doesn't jerk and cause Q-tip to enter ear canal. https://www.amazon.com/Virbac-003108-Epi-Otic-Advanced-Cleaner/dp/B074P6C27C/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&keywords=epiotic&qid=1607099790&s=petsupplies&sr=1-4
12. Shampoo: For puppies, I look for a tearless puppy shampoo. [Amazon.com : Burt's Bees Dog Shampoo for Puppies, 2 in 1 Shampoo and Conditioner, Buttermilk and Flaxseed Oil, 16 Oz : Pet Shampoos : Pet Supplies](https://www.amazon.com/Burt's-Bees-Dog-Shampoo-for-Puppies-2-in-1-Shampoo-and-Conditioner-Buttermilk-and-Flaxseed-Oil-16-Oz-Pet-Shampoos-Pet-Supplies/dp/B001NLFVH2/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_search_asin_title?ie=UTF8&psc=1) For adults, if not using a "tearless" shampoo, I put a drop of **pure** mineral oil (no dyes or fragrance) in each eye to coat the eyes and protect from shampoo. It's virtually impossible to clean their face properly without getting some shampoo in their eyes.
13. Brushes: I only use two tools for regular coat care, a soft slicker brush and a rake to remove dead hair. I use the slicker brush every day or two on the ears. I brush the rest of the body approximately once or twice a week. Even though your puppy won't need this brushing for a while, get them used to it early. Slicker brush: https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B001NLFVH2/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_search_asin_title?ie=UTF8&psc=1 When you notice their coat is not as dark or shiny, it probably needs dead hair removal. The rake I use does not have any sharp edges. It simply rakes the dead hair out. This won't be necessary until he/she starts to shed puppy coat. Removing the dead hair is essential for skin health and a proper shiny coat. I do this once every month or two. You will be shocked at how much dead hair comes out. This process will also help with excess shedding around the house. Rake with 12 "blades": https://www.amazon.com/Paws-Pamper-Undercoat-Small-Medium/dp/B00U204CD4/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=paws%2Bpamper%2Bake&qid=1607100475&s=petsupplies&sr=1-3&th=1
14. Nail care: Start immediately touching your puppy's feet and all body parts. If you do this as part of a relaxing massage, it will be much easier to handle their feet for nail care and easier for your vet to examine your puppy. Your puppy's dew claws were removed. You will need nail clippers, styptic powder, scissors with rounded ends, and a metal nail file. I start by using the scissors to trim the hair between their pads. Some people like to use electric trimmers. This is especially important with hard floors. Removing this hair exposes the pads that are essential for gripping on hard floors. It may seem funny to watch them slip and slide across hard floors, but they can be severely injured. It also puts strain on joints. It's also good to place washable rugs in heavy traffic areas, especially where they may need to make turns. Scissors: https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B01MG9A1VE/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_search_asin_title?ie=UTF8&psc=1. There are a variety of nail clipper styles. I use the old guillotine style because I've been using them for many years. Use what is most comfortable for you. Always have styptic powder open and ready in case you cut a nail too short and the quick is exposed and bleeding. https://www.amazon.com/Kwik-Stop-Styptic-Powder-1-5-Ounce/dp/B00063KN94/ref=sr_1_1_sspa?crid=27MZXFD77042D&dchild=1&keywords=styptic+powder+for+dogs+nails&qid=1607101030&s=petsupplies&sprefix=styptic+pow%2Cpets%2C170&sr=1-1-spons&psc=1&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUEyNlRGRklWVVIY3OFZTjMvUyY3J5cHRIZElkPUEwNDc5NDIyMORTOFhBOVpTNkRWQSZlbnNyeXB0ZWRBZElkPUEwNjU0MzY4MFIUk00STQzUEEwUyZ3aWRnZXROYW1IPXNwX2F0ZiZhY3Rpb249Y2xpY2tSZWRpcmVjdCZkb05vdExvZ0NsaWNrPXRydWU= When nails are freshly cut, they can have very sharp edges. I use a metal nail file to smooth out the edges.

15. Dental care: I recommend brushing the teeth once the permanent teeth come in. You can start now to get them used to it. Honestly, I've never brushed their teeth but I pay for it in the end by paying enormous amounts of money for the vet to clean their teeth. There are two products I use, dental chews they have at bedtime and a liquid I add to their water which is supposed to reduce tartar. Most dental chews are not intended for puppies (**read the fine print**). Bully sticks are also good for teeth. Dental chews for adults: [Amazon.com : GREENIES Original Petite Natural Dog Dental Care Chews Oral Health Dog Treats, 18 oz. Pack \(30 Treats\) : Pet Snack Treats : Pet Supplies](#) Liquid additive for drinking water (I can't guarantee it helps with tartar but it definitely helps with bad breath): https://www.amazon.com/Nylabone-Advanced-Promotes-Freshener-Additive/dp/B006YFYNIU/ref=sxsts_sxwds-bia-wc-p13n1_0?cv_ct_cx=nylabone+tartar+remover+liquid&dchild=1&keywords=nylabone+tartar+remover+liquid&pd_rd_i=B006YFYNIU&pd_rd_r=ed9d2462-0cbd-46a7-ad42-26815536d710&pd_rd_w=YgtiM&pd_rd_wg=Zy0Y3&pf_rd_p=1835a2a9-7ed8-48dc-ad07-fcd7527bd2bc&pf_rd_r=5SD9CNF7762TRJ6Y84DY&psc=1&qid=1607101527&sr=1-1-80ba0e26-a1cd-4e7b-87a0-a2ffae3a273c
16. Doggy bags for poop pickup on walks
17. Pooper scooper for poop pickup at home
18. Pen: If you are going to be away from home for more hours than your puppy is able to control his bladder, you will want to have an area to put him where he can relieve himself (on a puppy pee pad). It's not a good idea to use a small room such as a bathroom. They will chew the baseboards and anything else they desire. I recommend a pen with sufficient room to keep a pee pad, bed, and water. These are the pens I use for my litters. You will need 6 panels to have room for a pee pad and holder. https://www.amazon.com/IRIS-4-Panel-Playpen-Door-35-25/dp/B00D5P846Y/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=iris+pens+for+dog&qid=1607101852&sr=8-2 Puppies love to destroy pee pads. I use these holders which work very well but aren't always easy to clean. [Amazon.com: Petphabet Training Pad Holder Floor Protection Dog Pad Holder Mesh Training Tray \(L-24"x24"\) : Pet Supplies](#)
19. Tear Stains: I have used these products (chews and wipes) but have limited success. Chews [Amazon.com : Angel's Eyes NATURAL Tear Stain Prevention Soft Chews for Dogs - 120 Ct - Chicken Formula \(AENSC120D\) : Pet Eye Care Supplies : Pet Supplies](#) Wipes [Amazon.com: Angels' Eyes Gentle Tear Stain Wipes for Dogs and Cats - 100 Ct - Presoaked Textured](#) I am trying something new. I'm giving my dogs 3 frozen blueberries with their morning kibble. You'll have to ask me how it's working since I just started and I'm still trying to remove old stains.
20. Ultra Oil: I add a squirt/spray of Ultra Oil to their morning kibble. It seems expensive but lasts a long time. [Amazon.com : Ultra Oil Skin and Coat Supplement for Dogs and Cats with Hemp Seed Oil, Flaxseed Oil, Grape Seed Oil, Fish Oil for Relief from Dry Itchy Skin, Dull Coat, Hot Spots, Dandruff, and Allergies16oz - Packaging May Vary : Pet Fish Oil Nutritional Supplements : Pet Supplies](#) The bottle used to come with a pump but my latest delivery just has a flip lip. It's impossible to use it without making a mess. I purchased this oil sprayer and it works great with the Ultra Oil. [Amazon.com: Oil Sprayer Mister for Cooking 210ml Oil Spritzer for Air Fryer Olive Oil Spray Bottle Reusable Evo Oil Sprayer Dispenser Portable Kitchen Gadgets for BBQ Salad Frying Baking\(Black\) : Home & Kitchen](#)