

New Puppy Essentials Checklist (Apartment & House)

Basic Supplies

- Collar and Leash

Apartment: Essential for every outdoor potty break – A Harness is better for small dogs
House: For walks and yard outings

- ID Tag

Apartment: Critical in case of escape
House: Same importance

- Harness

Apartment: Helps control in elevators/stairs, and it does not choke small dogs
House: Useful for walks and training

- Crate

Apartment: Choose one that fits your space
House: Can be slightly larger

- Dog Bed

Apartment: Choose a space-efficient style
House: More room for larger beds

- Food and Water Bowls

Apartment: Non-slip bottoms preferred
House: Same

- Puppy Food

Apartment: Choose based on breed and vet recommendation, and check on what the breeder has been feeding the puppy
House: Same

- Treats

Apartment: Helpful for training in shared areas
House: Same

Grooming and Hygiene

- Puppy Shampoo

Apartment: Bathtubs may be smaller – consider a handheld sprayer

House: Outdoor washing may be an option, but not for the smaller breeds

- Brush/Comb

Apartment: Regular brushing helps reduce tangles and matting, and it is a bonding time for you and your pet indoors

House: Same

- Nail Clippers

Apartment: Prevent noise on hard floors

House: Same

- Toothbrush & Toothpaste

Apartment: Fresh breath is important in small spaces

House: Same

- Poop Bags

Apartment: Always pick up in shared spaces

House: For walks and outings

- Stain & Odor Remover

Apartment: Critical for accidents on carpet/furniture

House: Still useful, especially indoors

Comfort and Enrichment

- Chew Toys

Apartment: Keeps them occupied and quiet

House: Great for teething indoors

- Interactive Toys

Apartment: Excellent mental stimulation in small spaces

House: Good for indoor rainy-day play

- Stuffed Toys

Apartment: Comfort when alone

House: Same

- Training Toys

Apartment: Choose quiet options to avoid disturbing neighbors

House: More flexibility with noise and space

Health and Safety

- Vet Contact Info

Apartment: Keep emergency options nearby

House: Same

- Vaccination Schedule

Apartment: Required especially with shared building pets

House: Same

- Flea/Tick/Worm Preventatives

Apartment: Urban areas may have pests, too

House: More exposure if you have a yard

- First Aid Kit

Apartment: Store in an easy-to-reach place

House: You may also want one for the car or garage

Training and Socialization

- Training Pads

Apartment: Essential for potty training in high-rises. Washable pee pads and pee trays to hold the disposable pee pad, so the puppy does not eat the disposable pad

House: Useful backup for inclement weather

- Clicker

Apartment: Great for quick indoor sessions

House: Ideal for larger training spaces too

- Training Book/Guide

Apartment: Helps with behavior in shared environments

House: Good for building routines

- Socialization Plan

Apartment: Prioritize elevators, other dogs in the halls, and loud noises. House: Exposed to sounds from the yard, and delivery people
