

*We are often asked what a new puppy parent should purchase before their puppy comes home. We created this list to help you find what you need. When we have specific recommendations, you will find links to make ordering easy. Please note that as an Amazon Associate I earn from qualifying purchases.*

General items:

* We recommend the Slopper Stopper’s Medium Breed Dripless Water Bowl from Amazon, [link to purchase](https://amzn.to/32CPyoz))
* Food bowl and a mat for the bowls
* Airtight food storage bin
* Adjustable collar (your puppy will come home with a collar from Southern Cove)
* ID tag (there are several companies with themed tags)
* 6-foot leash
* Wire crate if you plan to crate your dog (standard-sized dogs need at least a 42-inch crate). We also recommend one with an end door and side door to allow you to use as a travel crate until your dog is old/big enough for a car harness.
* Harness for car and walking
	+ we recommend either PAWABOO Dog Safety Vest Harness, Pet Dog Adjustable Car Safety Mesh Harness Travel Strap Vest with Car Seat Belt Lead Clip from Amazon ([link to purchase](https://amzn.to/2GbiH2A)). You can select size and color from this link.
	+ Team K9 dog harnesses (their website: [www.teamk9.co](http://www.teamk9.co))
* We recommend the Bark Lover Dog Seat Belts for Cars, Nylon Fabric, Adjustable Dog Safety Belt Car Headrest Restraint, 2-Pack from Amazon ([link to purchase](https://amzn.to/3hGFvox))
* Pooper scooper and bags
* We recommend Nature’s Miracle enzymatic cleaner for puppy accidents ([link to purchase](https://amzn.to/3lDw0Jx))
* We recommend Grannick’s Bitter Apple for use as a deterrent to chewing ([link to purchase](https://amzn.to/2GdWu45))

Food, treats, and vitamins:

* Dog food: We strongly recommend TLC Pet Food’s Whole Life Dog Food which you can order from the link on our website under “Products & Partners” or by visiting [www.tlcpetfood.com/143213-1025](http://www.tlcpetfood.com/143213-1025)
* Treats: TLC also has a line of treats that our dogs love. Order from our website, or by using the link above. Use of treats while training is an effective tool (used in moderation!)
* Vitamins: We strongly recommend NuVet Plus Canine vitamins which you can order from the link on our website under “Products & Partners” or by visiting [www.nuvet.com/47507](http://www.nuvet.com/47507).

Good chews and toys:

* Due to their durability, we recommend a KONG chew toy that you can find at your local pet store, or through Amazon ([link to purchase](https://amzn.to/2EPWRBa))—they are a little more expensive, but last much longer. We fill the larger end with peanut butter and freeze it as a treat from time to time.
* Stuffed dog toys and balls (those that are soft and squeak are puppy favorites!)
* Rope toys for playing fetch
* We recommend Best Bully sticks that you can order from Amazon ([link to purchase](https://amzn.to/31DHioQ)). *NOTE: If you use other brands, please make certain they are American-made as some foreign imports are not safe).*
* Cow ears for chewing

Grooming supplies:

* A pin slicker brush (We recommend either the Chris Christensen Long Pin Slicker Brush from Amazon, [link to purchase](https://amzn.to/3hHPyK6), or Paw Brothers Extra Long Hard Pin Large Slicker Brush from Amazon, [link to purchase](https://amzn.to/3b6qXfJ)). Please ask us about our grooming tools, and we will happily show them to you!
* Andi’s metal comb from Amazon ([link to purchase](https://amzn.to/3bfXtMn))
* Thinning scissors (We specifically recommend the Utopia Care Professional Barber Thinning/Texturing Scissors/Shears, 6.5 Inch, from Amazon, [link to purchase](https://amzn.to/2YJOka0)). Again, you are welcome to try ours out! It is very helpful for trims around the eyes between groomings.
* Puppy shampoo and conditioner (we recommend Cowboy Magic Rosewater Shampoo and Rosewater Conditioner Deodorizing Bundle from Amazon ([link to purchase](https://amzn.to/2QC8oqe))
* A leave-in conditioner—this is for convenience between bathing/grooming (we recommend The Stuff Dog Conditioner from Amazon ([link to purchase](https://amzn.to/3b79ML3))
* Ear wash solution (we recommend Pet King Brands’ Zymox Ear Cleanser with Bio-Active Enzymes, 4 oz., from Amazon ([link to purchase](https://amzn.to/3gG2xLb))
* Plier-style nail clippers with nail guard

Additional items:

* Obedience classes online through Baxter and Bella ([www.BaxterandBella.com](http://www.BaxterandBella.com)). You will get a 25% discount when you use the code SOUTHERNCOVE We have been so impressed with this company and are learning a lot from them.

Other items to consider:

* A crate bed (until your dog is reliably crate trained, we recommend a folded towel or small blanket)
* A blanket to cover the crate at night
* Cotton balls for cleaning your dog’s ears
* A cardboard style nail file for smoothing nails after a clip
* Baby gate
* Pet play pen. We specifically recommend an IRIS Exercise Panel Pet Playpen with Door - 34 Inch, from Amazon ([link to purchase](https://amzn.to/31DgfKy)). As your puppy grows you will find it helpful to have “quiet times” in the pen to rest. After your dog gets used to it, you will find that if you leave the door open your dog will use it when he or she gets tired!
* Pure canned pumpkin. This is a good source of fiber to counteract both diarrhea and constipation. Giving your dog a tablespoon once a day for a few days will alleviate the symptoms, if they occur.