

GETTING A NEW PUPPY

HERE ARE 10 IMPORTANT TIPS
AND ADJUSTMENTS TO CONSIDER
WHEN ADOPTING A NEW PUPPY



Puppy-Proof Your Home

Just like with a toddler, ensure your home is safe for a curious puppy. Remove or secure items that could be chewed, swallowed, or knocked over, and block off areas that are off-limits.



Create a Safe Space

Set up a designated area for your puppy to eat, sleep, and play. A crate or a cozy corner with a bed can provide them with a sense of security.



Establish a Routine

Puppies thrive on routine. Set consistent times for feeding, bathroom breaks, play, and sleep. This helps them feel secure and makes training easier.



Begin Potty Training Immediately

Take your puppy outside frequently, especially after eating, drinking, and waking up. Praise them lavishly when they go potty outside to reinforce good behavior.



Socialization is Key

Expose your puppy to different people, environments, and other animals early on. This helps them grow into a well-adjusted adult dog. Puppy socialization classes can be very beneficial.



Invest in Quality Food

Feed your puppy a balanced, high-quality puppy food appropriate for their breed and size. Consult your vet for recommendations.



Basic Training and Commands

Start with basic commands like "sit," "stay," "come," and "down." Use positive reinforcement techniques, such as treats and praise, to encourage good behavior.



Regular Veterinary Care

Schedule a vet appointment soon after bringing your puppy home for a health check-up and to establish a vaccination schedule. Regular check-ups are crucial for keeping your puppy healthy.



Teething and Chewing

Puppies love to chew, especially when teething. Provide plenty of chew toys and discourage them from biting furniture or other items by redirecting their chewing to appropriate toys.

HAVE FUN

Exercise and Play

Puppies have lots of energy. Ensure they get plenty of exercise and playtime to burn off excess energy and stay healthy. This also helps prevent destructive behaviors born out of boredom.



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THESE TIPS WILL HELP ENSURE THAT YOUR NEW PUPPY ADJUSTS WELL TO THEIR NEW HOME AND GROWS INTO A HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND WELL-BEHAVED ADULT DOG.