

# Just got a Puppy?



## Where do I begin?

Set up an area for your puppy, including a puppy pen with sheets to cover the floor, a bed or crate for the puppy to rest and a water bowl. It should look something like this...

Why should I do this?

- Set up your puppy for success
- Removes access to items they shouldn't
- Prevents practicing toileting inside
- Keeps your puppy safe when unattended

## Establish Good Routines -

- Feed at the same time each day
  - 3 times daily for puppy until 6months-1year depending on breed
  - Morning, midday, night
- Go outside for toilet breaks same time each day, especially after feeding, begin with 30 min intervals
- Encourage periods of rest multiple times a day
  - Puppies should sleep between 18-20 hours a day
- Enrol in puppy school immediately

## Provide Outlets for Doggy Behaviours -

- Provide your puppy with toys to chew
- Provide your puppy with a enrichment to stimulate their mind
  - Slow feeder or food toy for each meal
  - Basic training and handing feeding
  - Expose your puppy to different textures, sounds and sights as appropriate
- Take your puppy outside often to give them to opportunity to toilet outside - practicing good behaviours

