



Adding a dog to your home is an exciting time for you and your household. We have created this basic supply list to help you prepare for your new family member.

Before bringing a dog or puppy home, we recommend setting up your home with the right supplies to help them settle in. You can tailor this list according to your dog's needs – for example, choose appropriate toys and food for their size and health.

Remember that every animal in your home will need their own supplies. So, if you are adding a new pet and have existing pets, you'll need to get new food bowls and a bed for your newest addition.

Basic Supplies

- Food
- Water bowl
- Quick-release collar with ID tag
- Walking gear, such as a leash and harness or martingale
- Bed or crate with blanket or towels for them to rest in
- Poop bags
- Enzymatic cleaner

Toys & Training Supplies

- An edible chew, such as a bully stick, if appropriate
- Puzzle feeders
- Soft and crunchy treats
- A clicker
- Toys – Try an assortment of toys such as a flirt pole, balls, soft toys, food dispensing toys, durable chew toys and rope toys

Health & Wellness Supplies

- Brush that is appropriate for their coat
- Nail clippers
- Dog toothbrush and toothpaste
- Dog shampoo

Identification

Even if your dog will spend most of their time indoors, accidents can happen, and our pets can escape the safety of their homes or yards. To improve the chances your pet will make it back to you if they do become lost, make sure you have their microchip and, if applicable, tattoo number written down. Ensure the information linked to their ID is current and your own.



Dog Resource Guide Supplies For Adding a Dog to Your Home



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We advise that all pets have an appropriate collar and ID tag that includes your most recent contact information. Additionally, we recommend taking photos of your pet from multiple points of view. This way, if your pet ever becomes lost, you can share photos online and on posters to help people identify your pet.

Did You Know?

You can also ask us behaviour questions by emailing:

askthespecialist@edmontonhumanesociety.com

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