

Free Puppy Care Checklist

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Print this page and tick each item as you go. Everything here applies to puppies 8-16 weeks old.

First Week Home

- ☐ Set up a crate with soft bedding in a quiet corner
- ☐ Puppy-proof cords, plants, cleaners, and small objects
- ☐ Choose one feeding spot and keep fresh water available
- ☐ Introduce the collar, ID tag, and a lightweight leash
- ☐ Book the first vet visit within 3-5 days

Feeding Routine

- ☐ Feed an AAFCO complete-and-balanced puppy food
- ☐ 3-4 small meals a day until 6 months, then 2 meals
- ☐ Measure portions, do not free-feed
- ☐ Transition foods gradually over 7 days
- ☐ Keep treats under 10% of daily calories

Health and Vet Care

- ☐ Core vaccines: distemper, parvovirus, adenovirus, rabies
- ☐ Deworming and flea/tick prevention as advised
- ☐ Discuss microchipping and spay/neuter timing
- ☐ Record weight monthly
- ☐ Save the nearest emergency clinic number

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Training and Socialization

- ☐ Take the puppy outside after waking, eating, and playing
- ☐ Reward with treats within 2 seconds of the behavior
- ☐ Practice name recognition, sit, and recall daily
- ☐ Meet new people, surfaces, and sounds calmly each week
- ☐ Keep sessions to 5 minutes, several times a day

Grooming and Daily Care

- ☐ Brush the coat 2-3 times a week
- ☐ Trim a small amount of nail weekly
- ☐ Brush teeth daily with enzymatic dog toothpaste
- ☐ Check ears and paws for redness or debris
- ☐ Bathe only when needed with a dog-specific shampoo