

Getting Ready for Our Puppy

A calm, safe home before the puppy arrives



A SAFE SPACE

- ☐ Bed and a quiet resting spot
- ☐ Crate or playpen, if you plan to use one
- ☐ Baby gates for rooms that are off-limits
- ☐ Washable blankets or towels

PUPPY-PROOFING

- ☐ Cords and cables out of reach
- ☐ Small objects, socks and shoes picked up
- ☐ Medicines, cleaners and trash secured
- ☐ Ask your vet which plants and foods are unsafe

SUPPLIES

- ☐ Food your veterinarian or breeder recommends
- ☐ Food and water bowls
- ☐ Collar or harness with an ID tag
- ☐ Leash, poop bags and a cleaner for accidents
- ☐ Chew toys and small soft training treats

HOUSEHOLD PLAN

- ☐ First veterinary visit booked
- ☐ Who feeds, who takes the puppy out
- ☐ Cue words agreed (page 4 in the full journal)
- ☐ Where the puppy sleeps the first night

OUR PUPPY'S FIRST-DAY PLAN

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Daily Routine & Observation Log

Tick what happened and when, so patterns are easier to see



DATE

PUPPY

RECORDED BY

TIME	OUTSIDE	WENT OUTSIDE	ACCIDENT	MEAL	NAP	PLAY OR TRAINING	NOTES

Take the puppy out after waking, eating and play, and before bed. Reward right after they go outside. Accidents are part of learning. Clean them up calmly; punishment can teach a puppy to hide when it needs to go.

Training Progress Starter

Short, happy sessions; tick a box for each one



Use rewards, not punishment. Reward the behavior you want with food, play or praise, keep sessions short and happy, and never use force, pain or fear. Progress differs from puppy to puppy; nothing here guarantees a result.

SKILL _____

CUE WORD AND HAND SIGNAL _____

WHERE WE PRACTICED _____

SESSIONS

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GOT IT?

☐ Learning ☐ Most times ☐ Reliable

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