

# Dog Adoption Checklist

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- ☐ Before Getting a Dog
  - ☐ Think if you're mature and responsible enough to have a dog.
  - ☐ Check if you will have time to take care of a dog.
  - ☐ Check if you can afford a dog.
  - ☐ Check if you know how to take care of a dog.
- ☐ Choosing a Dog
  - ☐ Research different breeds and select one that suits you and your family.
  - ☐ Visit an animal shelter near you.
  - ☐ Apply to become the pet's owner if you choose for adoption.
  - ☐ Perform a background check.
  - ☐ Prepare your home.
  - ☐ Buy supplies.
  - ☐ Buy or adopt a dog.
- ☐ Bringing Your Dog Home
  - ☐ Visit the veterinarian.
  - ☐ Order identification.
  - ☐ Register your pet.
  - ☐ Get your dog used to his crate.
  - ☐ Start your dog training.
  - ☐ Set up a routine.
  - ☐ Set some rules.
- ☐ Supplies
  - ☐ Dog food: dry and wet.
  - ☐ Treats.
  - ☐ Containers.
  - ☐ Bowls for food and water.
  - ☐ Grooming supplies.
  - ☐ Dog bed and bedding.
  - ☐ Crate.
  - ☐ Flea & tick treatment.
  - ☐ Toys.

☐ Bags for picking up dog waste.