

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.