

Puppy Checklist

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- First Day Home
 - Let him explore his new surroundings at his pace.
 - Supervise him at all times.
 - Don't leave unattended for long periods.
 - Don't allow to have full access to the house.
 - Begin crate training right away.
 - Encourage children to be very gentle and quiet around the puppy.
- Puppy Care
 - Within 24 hours bring the puppy to a vet for wellness check up.
 - Follow a recommended vaccination schedule.
 - Follow the de-worming schedule recommended by your vet.
 - Get pet health insurance.
 - Make sure that you feed a premium quality dog food.
 - Groom your puppy daily.
 - Cut puppy nails on regular basis.
 - Wash your puppy's bowl daily.
- Other
 - Ensure that your puppy is micro-chipped.
 - Register your puppy.
 - Make sure learns basic manners and commands.
 - Make sure that he gets plenty of socialization.
 - Get a pets collar for identification.
 - Get your puppy used to a collar and leash early.