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Welcoming a new pet into your home is an exciting and challenging time for any pet parent. Luckily, our helpful team and this handy guide are here to help!

New Pet Parent Checklist

From toys to toothbrushes, we have everything you need to make their first days the best.

- Collar, leash and ID tag
- Chew toys
- Dog food
- Dog treats
- Water and food bowl
- Food storage bin and scoop
- Dog bed
- Crate and crate mat
- Carrier (for small breeds)
- Puppy pads
- Stain and odor products
- Flea and tick prevention
- Dog shampoo
- Toothbrush
- Brush and nail clippers
- Pet gate

What to expect in the first 30 days with your new dog or puppy:

Tag - They're It

Keep them safe with a collar and most importantly an ID tag with your contact information.

Establish a Safe Zone

Dogs need their own safe space just like we do, except for them instinctually it's a den. Crates not only provide a safe place for your pooch, but are a helpful tool in potty training since dogs always keep their den clean.

TIP: Gates are also another good tool to establish a safe zone, keeping your pooch out of hazardous places in your house.

Make the Introduction

Slowly introduce them to other pets, new people, and places so they aren't overwhelmed. Dogs use their noses to figure out who's who, so expose them to blankets, towels or toys before family members. Establish ground rules with children - like no riding or pulling - before you bring your new dog home.

Form a Routine

Establish a consistent routine for dinner time, play time, quiet time - and most importantly - potty time.

TIP: Houstraining is easier if your pet knows what the day will bring.

Set Boundaries

Don't encourage bad behavior like jumping up or barking. What may be cute at 10 pounds won't be at 100 pounds!

TIP: Make sure you reward good behavior with treats and love to encourage healthy attention for your pup.

Handle With Care

Get your pet used to handling from day one - touch their feet, nails, tail, ears, snout, teeth and belly with love. If you have a shy rescue, go slow and introduce yourself and others through smells first.

TIP: Start grooming from early on, as good hygiene leads to a healthy life.

Socialize

Introduce your pet to new people, places and experiences, but go slow and don't let them get overwhelmed.

TIP: Bring your new furry friend into your local Pet Supplies Plus. We love meeting our new neighbors!

Keep Them Guessing

Pique their interest by rotating toys. Letting them have a few at a time or a variety will help keep their teeth on the toys and not your belongings.

TIP: Treat dispensing toys allow for hours of fun and learning.

Keep a Watchful Eye

It's important to monitor how much your pet is eating, drinking and using the restroom. If you notice anything out of the ordinary with their stool, like diarrhea or blood, contact your vet immediately.