

## My New Dog



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### Housing

Dogs thrive when kenneled for part of the day. It helps them feel secure. Choose one large enough for the dog to stand up in, with 3 to 4 inches of head clearance.



Dogs that spend time outside need shelter. Choose a doghouse that is 25% taller and wider than the dog.



### Bedding

#### Inside

- Linens
- Rugs
- Dog Beds

#### Outside

- Wood Chips
- Hay and Straw
- Saw Dust



### Food

- Choose a high-quality, age-appropriate, meat-based food.
- Water
- Measure food so that your dog does not overeat.
- Puppies may need fed 3 to 6 times per day.
- Adult dogs generally need fed 2 times per day.



### Pet Facts

- A dog's sense of smell is more than 40 times better than a humans.
- A dog's hearing is very sensitive.
- Dogs do not sweat like we do. They stay cool by panting.
- Dogs are about as intelligent as a 2-year-old human.

### Helpful Pet Tips

- Do research on your dog breed(s).
- Know your budget. The cost to feed, groom, protect from fleas, ticks, and worms, veterinarian visits, vaccines, etc., can get expensive.
- Dogs, especially puppies, like to chew! They will chew your belongings if not supervised or given chew alternatives.



- Reward good behavior! And be patient!
- Dogs need daily exercise and interaction with humans or other animals.
- Set up a support network to help with your dog while you work or travel.

### Must Have Supply List

- Kennel
- Soft blanket or dog bed
- Food bowl
- Water bowl
- Poop bags
- Potty pads for puppies
- Collar with a Tag and Your Name
- Flea & tick medicine
- Leash
- Chew toys
- Treats for good behavior
- Brush
- Dog safe shampoo



### Other Supplies We Love

- Toys to play, chew, & forage for treats
- Pet carrier for traveling
- Teeth cleaning chews or supplies
- Pet stain & odor removal supplies
- Care book
- Fenced in area outside



### Websites We Trust for More Information

[www.dogfoodadvisor.com](http://www.dogfoodadvisor.com) / [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

