



## New Puppy Shopping Checklist

- Crate** (metal wire *or* plastic) just large enough so the pup may stand up, turn around and lie down. Some metal crates come with a center divider so you may increase the crate size slowly as your puppy grows. Old towels, blankets or thin, washable dog beds can be put inside.
- Toys** such as Kong toys, sterilized bones, busy buddy toys, etc that can be stuffed with food make great crate toys! An assortment of squeaky toys, balls, ropes and stuffed toys can also be good and will give your pup things to chew on. Just be sure that your pup does not consume the toys you choose.
- Training Treats-** soft, small (pea size) treats work best. You can either purchase store bought treats or you can use small bits of cheese, hotdogs, etc. My favorite training treats are dog food rolls, especially Natural Balance Brand. These food rolls can be cut up into tiny pieces and provide all the nutrition of real dog food.
- Biscuits & Chews-** buy quality puppy biscuits, Old Mother Hubbard is one example. Also, chews to keep your puppy busy such as bully sticks. Be careful when it comes to choosing!
- Quality Puppy Food-** Find a good puppy food that has meat as the first ingredient and does not contain inferior ingredients such as by-products, corn, wheat & soy. For ideas please see my website: [www.positiveway.us](http://www.positiveway.us) look under the links section then click on “Premium Dog Foods” for idea’s.
- Food & Water Bowls-** Stainless Steel is the best choice as it is easiest to clean.
- Collar, Leash & Name tag-** A nylon or cotton flat, buckle collar that adjusts to “grow” with your pup is usually a good choice for your pups first collar. Make sure to get your pup a name tag too! Also, ask your vet about micro chipping your puppy. A 6 foot leash (nylon or cotton) will work. Leather is great too as long as your pup does not chew through it as leather is usually more expensive.
- Cleaning Supplies-** Make sure to have a good cleaner on hand when your pup has an “accident”. A couple of good choices are Natures Miracle or Get Serious. These 2 products help to remove all the smell so the puppy is less likely to return to that spot to “go”.
- Baby Gates-** These are so you can confine your pup to a room with a tile floor such as your kitchen. You do not want to give a young, un-house trained pup free run of your house!
- Pooper Scooper & Bags-** Clean up your pups’ waste everywhere you go!
- Grooming Supplies-** Shampoo, Brush, comb, nail clipper & styptic powder.