



PUPPY PREP CHECK-LIST

Research

- ☐ Research breed traits and decide which breed or type of breed will suit.
- ☐ Decide on breeder vs rescue organisation.
- ☐ If breeder - find a reputable one and check their credentials / reviews.

Gear

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| ☐ Crate | ☐ Puppy food | ☐ Clicker |
| ☐ Puppy pen | ☐ Training treats | ☐ 2.5m training lead |
| ☐ Bed & bedding | ☐ Toys | ☐ 5-10m long lead |
| ☐ Puppy pads, newspaper or astroturf | ☐ Food & water bowls | ☐ Collar |
| ☐ Cleaning supplies | ☐ Car restraint or travel crate | ☐ Grooming tools |

To-do list

- ☐ Puppy proof the house: pack away breakables, shoes and dangerous items such as cords, medication, toxic house plants and human foods. Secure rubbish bins.
- ☐ Set up crate and play pen area, ideally with direct external access for house training.
- ☐ Puppy proof the garden: fence it securely, remove or fence off toxic plants.
- ☐ Agree on the family rules for the new puppy and make a plan for training.
- ☐ Assign roles in the pup's care - who will feed, train and walk the puppy. Map out a routine.
- ☐ Prep any children or other pets for the new pup's arrival.
- ☐ Arrange time off work for your pup's first few days at home.
- ☐ Choose a vet, and plan vaccinations, microchipping and desexing.
- ☐ Sign up for 6 weeks free pet insurance with Southern Cross Pet Insurance.

Accidents can happen at any time, so ensure your precious new puppy is protected from Day 1. Southern Cross Pet Insurance's FreeCover gives six weeks of free insurance cover to puppies aged 6–26 weeks, for peace of mind in those busy early weeks when there's already plenty to think about!

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