

Puppy preparation checklist

What to have ready before collection day. We will tell you what your puppy is being fed before collection so you can have the correct food ready at home.

Somewhere to sleep

- ☐ A suitable puppy bed
- ☐ A safe sleeping area
- ☐ A crate if you plan to use crate training
- ☐ Washable blankets or bedding

If you plan to use a crate, choose one suitable for your puppy as it grows and use an appropriate divider while they are small.

Food and water

- ☐ Food bowl
- ☐ Fresh water bowl
- ☐ Easy-to-clean mat underneath
- ☐ A supply of the food your puppy is already used to eating

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Collar, lead and travel

- ☐ Appropriately sized collar
- ☐ Lead
- ☐ Harness if you plan to use one
- ☐ A safe way of securing your puppy for the journey home

Your puppy may already have had a brief introduction to a collar, lead and car travel at Catrigg, but expect these to remain new skills that need gradual practice.

Toys and chewing

- ☐ Puppy-safe chew toys
- ☐ Soft toys
- ☐ Teething toys
- ☐ A few simple toys for interaction

You do not need dozens. A small selection of suitable toys is enough while you learn what your puppy actually enjoys.

Grooming

- ☐ Suitable grooming brush
- ☐ Puppy-safe shampoo when needed
- ☐ Towels for wet and muddy days

Introducing gentle grooming while your puppy is young can help brushing and handling become part of its normal routine.

Toileting and cleaning

- ☐ Cleaning products suitable for puppy accidents
- ☐ Easy access to the outdoor toileting area you plan to use
- ☐ Puppy pads if they form part of your chosen training approach

We begin encouraging outdoor toileting before collection, but accidents at home should still be expected.

Vet and insurance

- ☐ Choose and register with a local veterinary practice
- ☐ Decide how you will insure your puppy
- ☐ Keep a safe place for your puppy's paperwork and health information

We will confirm exactly what paperwork and health records come with your puppy before collection day.

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