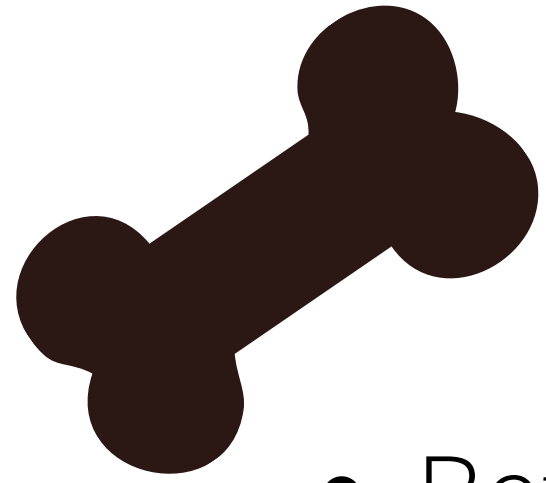


# Welcoming Home a New Puppy





# What's covered in this course

- Before puppy comes home
- Collecting puppy
- When puppy first gets home
- The first few days of puppy being at home





# Before Puppy Comes Home

## Puppy Proofing Your Home



Puppy Proof your house. Decide if puppy is going to have access to all areas of the house (it's a good idea to limit your puppies roaming especially in the early days, but that doesn't mean they will never go into a room). To date your puppy has learnt to explore the world with their mouth, so be sure to move things out of puppy's reach.



Check that,

- electrical wiring is tucked away
- all medications are stored high enough that puppy will not reach them
- cleaning products are stored in an area that the puppy can not access
- use baby gates to limit access to areas, close doors where possible
- block access to stairs
- move plants out of reach
- don't forget the yard and the garage!



# Before Puppy Comes Home

## Potty Time

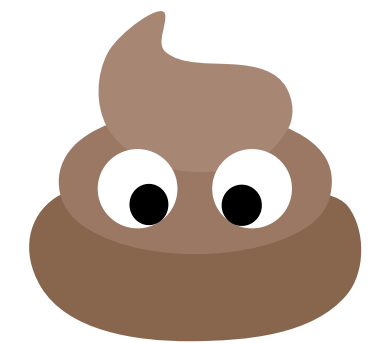


You know it's going to happen, so be prepared.

Decide where you will take your puppy to potty - will it be a P-pad, outside on the lawn. Do you have a specific area in the yard? Do you have poo-bags ready?



What happens if puppy goes in the house? Consider having deodorizer cleaners just in case puppy decides that the odour of his previous pee, means he should go again in the same area.



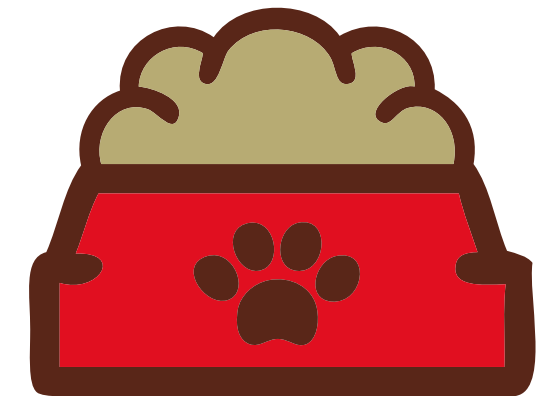
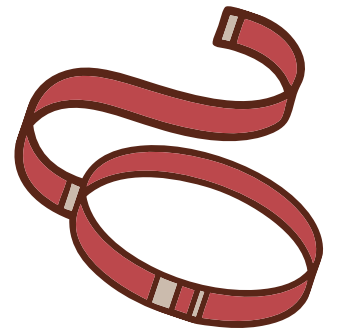




# Before Puppy Comes Home



- Collar and Leash, while you may not be walking your puppy straight away it is handy to have a collar on your pup. Especially one with their name and address (just incase your yard is not as secure as you thought). It also helps the puppy get use to having a collar on them. The leash can be used early on in the training.
- Food Bowls and a Water Dish, size these according to your pup. Don't worry too much about raised food bowls or slow feeders just yet, wait until your puppy is home. Make sure the breeder supplies you with the type of food your puppy is on. Have some on hand, you don't want to change the food on the initial day!





# Before Puppy Comes Home



- Puppy Bed, consider the size your puppy will be when they get home and how big they will grow. While you may want to purchase a bed that will fit your puppy when they are fully grown. Young puppies feel much more secure in small spaces, so consider either a smaller bed or adding some puppy safe blankets
- Sleeping arrangements, decide where your puppy will sleep the first few nights. This doesn't have to be the same place forever. But the first few nights can be traumatic for a puppy as they have left behind their litter mates. Be prepared to sleep in the same room as your pup - just for the first few days, while they become comfortable in thier new surroundings





# Puppy Comes Home

## Collecting Puppy



Things to consider when collecting puppy

- Is there a car journey involved? Puppy may get sick in the car so have some cleaning products on hand.
- Who will hold puppy in the car or do you have a crate or box?
- Will the car journey be long? You may need to stop and let the puppy have a potty break or water/food (make sure you have the necessary items with you).
- Make sure the breeder gives you a list of inoculations and the date (many breeders will also tell you the manufacturer of the vaccines).



# Puppy Comes Home

## When Puppy Comes Home



- Everyone is excited about a new puppy, but puppy can also become overwhelmed and nervous of all the new changes. Try not to have a big day of family and friends planned. Let puppy have time to adjust to having just left the litter and mum.
- Try to keep young children calm around puppy.
- Introduce other pets slowly and calmly (make sure older dogs and cats have a place to escape puppy).
- A lot of excitement can make us tired and it's the same for our pups. Make sure your puppy gets plenty of sleep time.





# Puppy Comes Home

## The First Few Days



- Try to get your puppy on a routine for potty breaks, sleep and meals. These are all important for a young pup.
- Get your puppy's vet appointment booked (they will likely need to see the vet at 12 weeks).
- Notice if they slow down in the eating habits (puppies straight from the litter often eat very fast, once they understand the food in the bowl is theirs they may slowdown naturally).
- Try to avoid letting your puppy bite your hands - even though it's cute and doesn't hurt at the moment (it soon will do).