



**TRIXIE**

FIRST STEPS  
on 4 paws!

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A GUIDE FOR  
PUPPY OWNERS

# FIRST NEEDS

## A puppy moves into your home!

That means exciting times are ahead, full of new experiences and joyful moments with the new family member. There are sure to be some challenges that you have to master together with your puppy. We wish you a great start together and would like to assist you with a few tips and tricks.

It is best to start your preparations a few weeks before your new four-legged family member moves into your home.

The first basic requirement is a suitable **place to sleep**. In pet shops you can find dog beds, cushions and baskets in many varieties and sizes. The important thing is that your dog can stretch out comfortably in or on them.

Suitable **bowls for feed and water** are also important acquisitions. Products made of stainless steel or ceramic have proven their worth as they are easy to clean and hardly ever break. When it comes to choosing the right feed, stick to what the breeder or a former owner recommend at the beginning. Later you can gradually change to other types of feed or other feeding times. By the way: there are foldable bowls that fit into any bag when you go on tour.

You can also start other preparations early. For example, get information on a suitable liability insurance for pet owners, find out how to register for dog tax and look around for a puppy group that meet your needs.



**Cuddly Cave**  
#38254

**Patchwork Lying Mat**  
#38247



**Lying Mat**  
#38244/38245



**Ceramic Bowl**  
#25126/25127



**Cuddly Set**  
blanket and plush toy  
#37110/37111



**Sloth Heartbeat**  
with heartbeat  
#36166



**Bed**  
#38251

**Homesickness:** During the first nights, your puppy will probably miss its mother and siblings. Place its sleeping place next to your bed. Being close to you as the new person of trust will be good for the little puppy and will create a bond between you. In addition to that, a blanket or a toy from the original dog family will bring a bit of comfort for the puppy into the new home. Another option is a soft toy with an integrated heartbeat function. The Junior Sloth, for example, has a vibrating heart that simulates the heartbeat of the mother and thus ensures that your little one does not feel alone when falling asleep.



## SAFETY

Make your home puppy-safe before your little friend moves in. Puppies are very inquisitive and your little one will try to climb everywhere and chew on a lot of things. It is best to place your favourite things out of reach for a few weeks. Power cables and other sources of danger should be kept out of the puppy's reach, too.

The bitter-tasting **chew stop spray** can help to reduce the drive to chew on things. In the long run, however, there is no way past a clear 'no' at the right time.

Stairs can be secured with a barrier. Think about whether certain rooms, e.g. the kitchen or children's rooms should be dog-free zones right from the start. **Barriers** are the right way to ensure this.



**Chew Stop**  
#2931



**Dog Barrier**  
#39451



**Home Kennel**  
#3922-3926



**Home Kennel**  
#39751/39753

## RETREAT OPTION

If you have to leave your puppy alone for a few minutes, a **home kennel** or **mobile kennel** is helpful. However, you need to acquaint the puppy slowly and in small steps to staying in a closed kennel on its own.

To make the kennel a place where the puppy likes to be, you need a cuddly blanket, a water bowl and a tasty chewing bone. The dog needs to learn that this is a place for retreat when it needs a break.

During short periods of rest, you can start to close the door of the kennel for a moment from time to time. Open the door again while the puppy still feels relaxed and happy.

The kennel should never be an unloved prison.

Prolong the time that the puppy stays in the kennel on its own step by step. That way you can do short jobs quickly and calmly while your puppy is safe in the kennel.



**Mobile Kennel Vario**  
#39721-39724

## HOUSE TRAINING

One of the most important requirements for a harmonious co-existence with a puppy is house training it. For this training, you need a place where your dog is allowed to pee and poo and that you can reach almost instantly. This can be a garden or the grass verge outside your door. If nothing of the kind is available, you can use a **puppy toilet** in your home.

The basic rule is: Take your puppy there after sleeping, feeding and playing, and wait patiently until it has relieved itself. Do not forget to praise the little guy for this. That way, your puppy learns in a much better way than if you punish it for peeing or pooping in places where this is not wanted.

Should things go wrong, a **urine stain remover** comes in handy. Stains and smells are removed biologically and vanish completely.

Also, regular **worming** or **worming tests** are very useful. Often puppies are infected with worms through their mother's milk and are also susceptible to other diarrheal pathogens. Coming with an own app, these worm tests are a reliable and convenient way to protect your puppy from worms and other pathogens.



**Dog Toilet Nappy Loo**  
#23415/23416

**Sanitary Pads Nappy Wash**  
#23420-23422



**Worm Test for Dogs**  
#24202



**Urine Stain Remover**  
#25751



**Fur Care Glove**  
#23393

## FUR CARE

Especially during the seasonal changes of coat in spring and in autumn, it pays off to regularly use brush and comb. This not only makes your four-legged friend feel better, it also means that significantly less dead hairs spread to the surroundings.

For long, short, smooth or coarse hair – specialist shops offer a wide range of care products. It is best to seek advice there on which products are the most suitable for your dog's type of coat.

You can practise a care routine for later with a **soft brush** or a **massage glove**. Be very gentle and stay patient if your puppy is excited. You can calm the puppy with a bit of liver pâté or another **tube snack**.

The rule for bathing is: as rarely as possible, as often as necessary and only with a mild **shampoo for puppies**. Do not forget to dry the puppy thoroughly as puppies get cold

more easily than fully-grown dogs. Again, the rule is: start slowly and gently. In cold weather, a pullover or a coat protects your puppy from getting cold, a warming blanket is also useful.

**Tip:** Train the puppy to show teeth and ears at the same time. That will come in handy at the next visit to the vet.



**Puppy Shampoo**  
#2906/2916

## PLAY

Your puppy will be very enthusiastic if you play together at eye level. Particularly at the beginning, there is nothing more important than extensive playing. Take time for this, as it gives you the chance to get to know each other and strengthen the bond between you. In addition, it is useful to train future behaviour in games.

A small rule is particularly important at this point: If the dog's teeth get into contact with your skin, interrupt the game. This allows your dog to develop a reliable bite inhibition, and it will treat humans equally carefully in the future.

Individual behaviour in games also depends on the breed. A Retriever, originally trained for fetching, will be more careful than e.g. a Terrier, whose nature is to hunt. The right puppy toy should be robust but not too hard. Particularly suitable materials are **TPR** and **natural rubber** as well as **ropes made of cotton**.

You can do without squeakers or similar things. These sounds are much too exciting for most puppies. Make sure the toy is large enough, so that the puppy cannot swallow it. Do not leave your puppy unattended with a toy. As soon as the puppy starts to destroy the toy, take it away and offer a chewing bone instead. At the end of each game, the toys are tidied away. That way, the toys remain special and the excitement lasts longer.



Cooling Bone  
#33340



Soak in water,  
freeze, refresh!  
Ideal for teething  
times.



Dumbbell  
#33343



Fox  
#36165



Bear  
#36176



Chewing Bone  
with Chicken  
#31343-31345



Licking Plate  
#34954/34958

## SMIFFING, LICKING

## & GNAWING

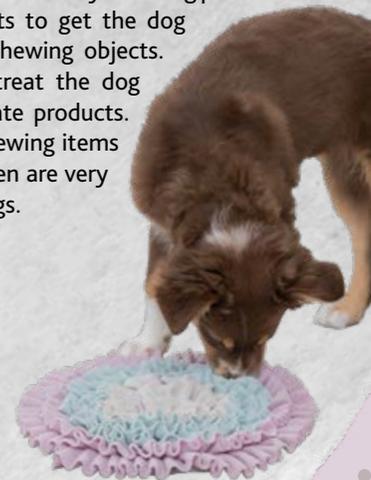
Licking plates are a great means of keeping your puppy occupied in a relaxed way. Most dogs really enjoy licking of snack patés, dairy products or wet feed with abandon. At the same time, this has a calming effect.

The **sniffing carpet** challenges your puppy's nose. There are treats hidden between the tassels and fabric layers to be found. The optimal challenge that never gets boring.

A big advantage of licking plate and sniffing carpet is that your pet is busy for a long time without consuming too many snacks. Even a part of the daily feed ration can be given with one of these two products instead of out of a bowl.

Also chewing is a natural instinct. Therefore dogs should be offered options to do this from a young age on. **Chewing shoes** and thin **chewing rolls** are particularly suitable for young puppies. Start by choosing pure rawhide products to get the dog used to these chewing objects. Later you can treat the dog to more elaborate products. For example, chewing items with dried chicken are very popular with dogs.

Sniffing Carpet  
#32039



# EDUCATION AND TRAINING

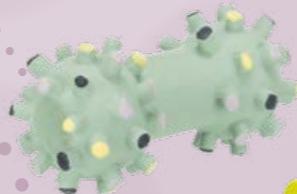
Education is necessary, for it sets the rules for your future life together. At least equally important, however, is a bond full of trust between you and your dog. Therefore, refrain from punishment if possible. There are sufficient educational approaches that do without it.

You need to understand that a puppy wants to repeat behaviour that has been rewarded. For you this means that you reward your puppy with feed or a game as soon as it does something right. Suitable **bags** help you to have treats and toys ready at any time. Small **trainer snacks** are particularly good rewards. Tasty **pâtes** that can be licked from a tube are an even more intense reward.

Dog schools or a dog sports club will support you in educating your dog. Training with a **clicker** is one option to achieve learning success with positive confirmation alone. This scientifically based learning method does not work with punishment.

A **soft clicker** with an extra soft sound is particularly suitable for puppies.

**Dog activity strategy games** provide exciting alternatives and offer your little friend the first challenges in memory sport and dexterity training. There are many different options where to hide treats that the dog has to get by pulling, pushing or lifting some part of the game. To avoid frustration, make it as easy as possible for your puppy at the start and only increase the level of difficulty slowly.



Mini Dumbbell  
#35611



Snack Roll  
#32020



Soft Snack Dots  
#31519



Rope Ball  
#32810/32814

Rope Dumbbell  
#32811/32815



Snack-Bag  
Multi Twist  
#32290



Snack-Bag  
#32281



Tube Snack  
#31844



Tube Guard  
#24555



Poker Box 1  
#32012



Flip Board  
#32026



Soft Clicker  
#2298



Gamble Box  
#32011

The Dog Activity product range includes various other strategy games with various levels of difficulty.

## RELAXED WALKS

A relaxed walk together with your puppy cannot be taken for granted. Therefore, practise walking on a loose leash right from the start. Begin with small training rounds, in which you never allow the leash to become tight. If your dog begins to pull, stop walking. Your puppy should not get into the habit of pulling on the leash to get ahead.

Besides walking obediently on a lead, the sure recalling of your pet is an important issue. Particularly at the beginning, puppies will follow their parent person of their own accord. You can make use of that to recall your dog later on when you happen to be outside without a lead. Practise in a fenced in area.

As an alternative, **tracking leads** are an optimal safeguard. Call your pet and attract it with joint playing or running. When the puppy comes to you, give a really delicious snack or extra wild frolicking.

**Puppy Soft Harness with Lead**  
#15560-15575



**Puppy H-Harness with Lead**  
#15340-15355



**Premium H-Harness**  
#204801



**Premium Trekking Harness**  
#1997001



**Puppy Tracking Lead**  
#19930-19941



**Premium Lead**  
#200011



**Collar with Neckerchief**  
#30910-30924



## HARNESS OR COLLAR?

**Harnesses** have various advantages compared to **collars**. For example, they protect the sensitive neck, e.g. if a flexi® or a tracking leash is used. Care should be taken with large breeds. Later on they might have more power in a harness than you.

Keep in mind that your puppy grows very quickly. The harness should be generously adjustable in size. Collars as well as harnesses need to be fitted to the growth of the dog regularly.

The Premium product range of leads, collars and harnesses is available in various sizes and lots of fresh colours!



## ON TOUR

Your puppy is particularly inquisitive and willing to learn up to its 16<sup>th</sup> week. Use this time to explore as many things as possible together. It would be ideal if, already in this early embossing phase, your dog could have positive experiences with everything it should be able to cope with later.

Try to find the right amount of new experiences, for too many new impressions will overstress the little one at first. A general rule: a five-minute walk per month of age. Give your puppy time to explore everything at its own pace. For example, a **front bag** or a **buggy** are ideal for short periods of rest. You should always have **dog dirt bags** with you and for longer tours a **water bottle** and a **bowl**.



Dog Poop Bags  
#22840

For transporting the puppy in a car, you will need a suitable box, a **car grid** or **car harness**. A dog that has not been attached can be thrown forward unchecked in case of an accident and this is extremely dangerous for the dog as well as everyone in the car. In the legal sense, the dog is a form of cargo that needs to be secured adequately.

With large breeds, it is important to be gentle on the joints during growth. So, for example, jumps from a car should be avoided. If you often go by car, it can be advisable to buy a **ramp**.



Transport Box Capri  
#39805-39807

Car Harness  
Comfort  
#12855-12857



Front Carrier  
Soft  
#28947/28948



Bottle  
with Bowl  
#24605/24606



Buggy for Dogs  
#28959



Transport Box  
Aluminium  
#39340-39346

## Check Lists

### TO DO

- GET PET OWNER LIABILITY INSURANCE
- REGISTER FOR DOG TAX IF NECESSARY
- FIRST EXAMINATION AT THE VETERINARIAN (POTENTIAL VACCINATIONS, TREATMENT FOR WORMS)
- JOIN AN OBEDIENCE SCHOOL AND/OR A DOG SPORTS CLUB
- MAKE YOUR HOME SECURE FOR PUPPIES

### FIRST EQUIPMENT

- PUPPY FEED (CONSULT BREEDER)
- FEED BOWL
- WATER BOWL (ONE FOR ON TOUR AS WELL)
- HARNESS AND/OR COLLAR
- LEASH (BEST HAVE A SPARE ONE)
- SLEEPING PLACE (BASKET, CUSHION OR BED)
- TRANSPORT BOX, CAR HARNESS AND/OR CAR GRID
- FUR CARE GLOVE OR BRUSH
- RAWHIDE CHEWING ITEMS
- TOYS

# WE SAY THANK YOU...

To the following organizations for their fabulous dedication!

## Searched for - Found

If a pet is missing, fear starts right away. Alongside placing a classic address tag on the collar, there is the possibility of registering your dog with a pet register. Organizations such as e.g. Tasso or Findefix offer the greatest possible support when your pet has to be found quickly.

[www.tasso.net](http://www.tasso.net)  
[www.findefix.com](http://www.findefix.com)

## gkf – Research for Dogs

Here research projects are supported financially that promote a better understanding and the welfare of our dogs. TRIXIE is a member and supports the work of the gkf.

[www.gkf-bonn.de](http://www.gkf-bonn.de)

## Wuehltischwelpen (Bargain Bin Puppies)

This animal welfare initiative campaigns against illegal trade with puppies.

[www.wuehltischwelpen.de](http://www.wuehltischwelpen.de)



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