

New puppy checklist

Tick each box as you go. Ontario focus; check your own city and vet for exact rules and prices.

Supplies (before go-home day)

- ☐ Crate and bed
- ☐ Food and water bowls
- ☐ Collar, leash and ID tag
- ☐ Puppy food (ask what the breeder or shelter feeds)
- ☐ Toys and chews
- ☐ Baby gates or a pen
- ☐ Grooming tools: brush, nail trimmer, toothbrush
- ☐ Car restraint or carrier
- ☐ Cleaning supplies for house-training accidents

First vet visit

- ☐ Book the visit in the first week
- ☐ Bring all vaccine, deworming and health records
- ☐ Ask for a written price list for the full puppy vaccine series
- ☐ Rabies vaccine: required in Ontario at 3 months or older
- ☐ Parasite prevention plan (fleas, ticks, heartworm)
- ☐ Ask when to spay or neuter for your puppy's size and breed

Registration with your city

- ☐ Find your city's dog licence fee and deadline
- ☐ Licence your dog; renew every year
- ☐ Put the licence tag on the collar
- ☐ Update your address if you move

Microchip

- ☐ Confirm whether the puppy is already chipped
- ☐ Write down the chip number
- ☐ Move the registry record into your name
- ☐ Keep your phone and email current in the registry

Insurance questions

- ☐ Get two or three quotes for your puppy's breed, age and postal code
- ☐ What is the waiting period?
- ☐ How does the policy treat pre-existing conditions?
- ☐ What are the annual limit, deductible and reimbursement rate?
- ☐ Is there a cap per condition?
- ☐ Does it cover hereditary and breed-related conditions?