

Puppy shopping list

Long soft toys

Use long / large soft toys when interacting with your puppy. They keep your hands away from their mouth and give puppies a larger target area so you are setting them up for success.

Keep these up on the side in each room so you have them to hand when needed and they stay novel / don't get shredded.

Tug on toys gently and keep them low to the floor to prevent your puppy jumping up to grab them to keep play safe and fun.



Gor pets Reef Octopus



The doghouse ftf Etsy

Tug-e-nuff toys (BIC123 code for 10% off)

Training

Research quality, positive reward-based puppy training classes in your area and get your puppy booked in before they come home.

Kongs x 3

Size – should be too big for pup to swallow.

Can be stuffed with their own food (and frozen), if they are fed dry food, soak food and then mush it into their Kong.

Use these at times when you want to encourage your puppy to settle.



There are lots of websites dedicated to different enrichment toy filling ideas.

Filled activity toys should be used in addition to their meals rather than given to puppies containing their whole meals to avoid pups getting frustrated/hungry.

Baby gates / puppy pen

Keeps puppies safe when you can't supervise them (always take their collar off when in a pen).



Slowly acclimatise puppies to being on their own.

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Comfortable harness and lead

Harnesses should be non-tightening and not impede natural movement e.g. should not restrict their shoulders.

Harness options: Dog Games Perfect Fit, Speak Dog harnesses Swindon, Rough Wear front range, TrueLove double clip harness

Ideally puppies should go for a walk in a correctly fitting harness rather than on the collar to avoid injuries to the neck etc and to ensure walks are a comfortable and thus a positive experience.

Paste

Liver paste, chicken paste (pets at home) and small amounts of primula to spread on/in toys / chews etc



Enrichment

Invest in some enrichment toys to do with your puppy, great for helping children and puppies be around each other and encouraging calm interactions.



OutwardHound / Nina Ottosson

Snuffle mat



Licki mat



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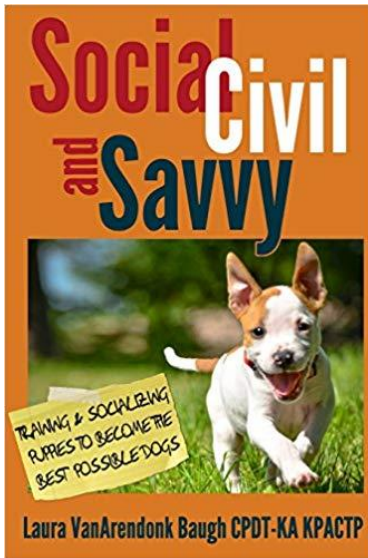
A variety of textures /toys and a low sided toy box

Generally people don't have enough variety of toys available to puppies. They tend to be the same toys left down for them every day.

- Have a variety of toys / textures available
- Have several bags / boxes of toys in the cupboard (7 if possible). Each day change the toys available to them in a low sided toy box. Their favourites can be left down all the time.
- A few times a day sprinkle some tasty morsels in their toy box amongst their toys- pups learn their toy box is always a great source of entertainment rather than the shoe rack by the front door.

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A book about socialisation

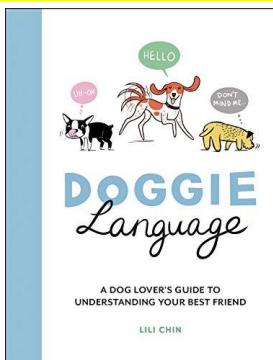


Edible chews

Dogs of any age have a huge need to chew. It can be difficult finding healthy chews for puppies that don't cause a stomach upset. Jr pet products sell a huge range of natural, healthy chews.

Have a variety on hand to offer your puppy.

If you need to ask your puppy to stop chewing something, always swap it for something better, trade up!



Food

Your breeder will advise you on what food to feed your puppy and will give you some to take home, if you want to change your puppy's food, wean them over slowly. Choose a high quality diet that suits your pup.

<https://www.allaboutdogfood.co.uk/>

Training rewards

Encourage your puppy to get into the right habits by rewarding everything you like! Yes you'll feel like a walking treat dispenser but you'll form a brilliant relationship with your puppy and behaviour that is rewarded is repeated, so it's win win.

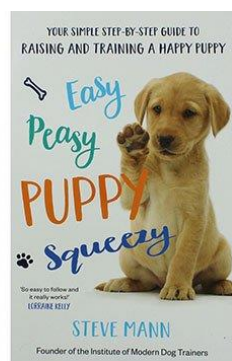
Training rewards need to be small, tasty, gentle on the stomach and it helps if they're quite smelly!

Pate, great for chopping up into small rewards: Jr pet foods

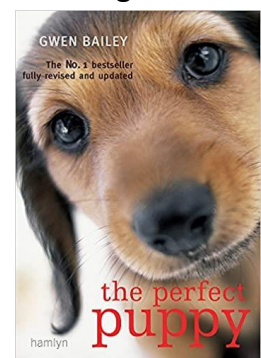
Natures Menu treats, great for crumbling up.



Easy Peasy Puppy Squeezy training book



Perfect Puppy training book



Poo bags

You must pick up after your dog when out

Dog boot guard for the car

Dogs need to be safely restrained in a car.

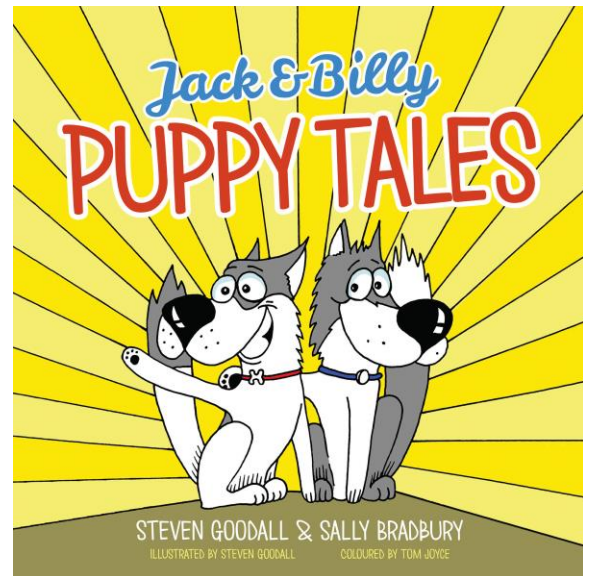
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Training line

For safe exploring and recall practice



A book to read with the children



Food rewards / treat bag

Clip on your waist for quick food reward access when out and about



Simple Solution Spray for cleaning up accidents



Lots of tubs with lids

Keep one in every room and by the back door so you can access food rewards quickly, essential for toilet training and rewarding pups for making good decisions e.g. Fido normally runs after the children when they run past, but this time he resisted etc.



Groomer visit

If your puppy is going to require grooming, book them in as soon as you can for an introductory session to get to know their groomer, the environment and to see the equipment. Don't wait until your puppy needs their first groom.

Your groomer should be patient, understand dog behaviour and body language. They should go at your dog's pace.

Stay with your puppy throughout to offer support.

They should be able to offer advice on what brush best suits your puppy's coat and what care their coat will require.