TRU Rescue

New Dog Owner Shopping List

We understand that preparing for your new pup can be overwhelming, so we've prepared this Shopping List to help you get ready.

The Basic	S
	Collar (We prefer martingale, no-slip collars)
	Gentle Leader or Harness (we recommend the premiere easy-walk for pullers, available on amazon.com for around \$15) ID Tag
	Food and Water Dishes (recommend stainless steel or ceramic)*
	Dog Food (Dogs under the age of 10 months should be on puppy food. We recommend a wheat and soy-free food free of by-products. ¹)
	Crate and liner/bed (select size based on dog's adult size and weight)
	Crate Water Bottle or Dish
	Carpet Cleaner (Nature's Miracle recommended)
	Flea and Tick Preventative (e.g., Frontline, Advantix)
	Heartworm Preventative (prescription, available from your vet)
	Dog Bed
	Training Rewards Treats
Training	
	Chew Deterrent (e.g., Bitter Apple or Yuck)

Treat Pouch (often recommended for obedience classes)

¹ Recommended brands include Innova, Evo, Taste of the Wild, Solid Gold, Orijen, Acana, California Natural, Natural Balance, Blue Buffalo, The Honest Kitchen, and more. We HIGHLY discourage the following brands: Iams, Alpo Dog Food, Beneful, Bil Jac Dog Food, Diamond Dog Food, Good Life Recipe, Kibbles 'n Bits Dog Food, Pedigree, Purina, Science Diet, Tuffy's, Ol' Roy.

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Toys & Misc.	
 Kong Toy (chewing and keeping dogs occupied in their crate; we recommend stuffing it with peanut butter, applesauce, yogurt, and/or pumpkin and along with some treats or kibble and freezing – these will keep your dog/puppy entertained for at least 1-2 hours, sometimes more) For Puppies: Teething Chew Toys (e.g., Chilly Bone or Ruff Puppy Teethers) 	
Long Lasting Chew Bones (e.g., Nylabones, natural bones, marrow bones) Clean-up Bag Dispenser for Leash (e.g., Bags on Board)	
Food Dish Placemat (catch spills, protect floors)	
Pet Record Folder (hold pet records, vaccinations certificates, etc.) Dog Behavior or Training Book	
Grooming Supplies	
Dog Brush	
Nail Clippers (we recommend having your dog's nails clipped at the vet or groomers to avoid accidents) Dog Shampoo	
Ear Cleaner	
Grooming Wipes (for between bath cleanups)	
De-matting comb for longer-haired dogs	
De-shedding tool (e.g., Fulminator)	
Dog Seatbelt Harness (can use regular harness and put seatbelt through it)	

Travel

- Car Seat Covers or Doggie Hammock (protect seats, catch dirt and fur)
- Travel Collapsible Food and Water Bowls
- All Purpose Dog Blanket