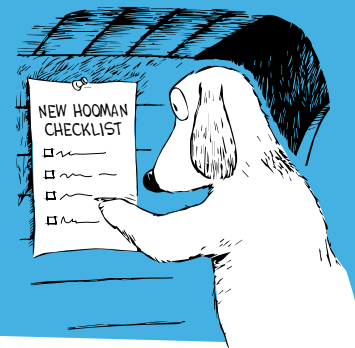


The Pawficial Definitive New Pup Checklist

Print this checklist, hang it on your fridge and get to checkin'!



- Name your pup and get an ID tag!**
Make sure your contact info is on this tag and always walk your dog on a separate harness or collar.
- Buy a walking kit!**
This includes a good leash, a harness or collar, poops bags and holder.
- Have a clean-up kit on hand!**
Even a house trained dog can have accidents in a new place! Make sure you're ready with towels and dog-friendly household cleaner.
- Create an eating station.**
Get a food and water bowl for your pup and designate a spot in your home. (If you have other dogs, make sure to feed your new pup in a separate area in case of resource guarding.)
- Learn what foods are safe for your pup.**
It's hard to resist those puppy dog eyes, but before you share table scraps with your new BFF learn which hooman foods are safe – some foods, such as grapes, chocolate and onions, can be toxic!
- Create a safe, cozy spot for your pup.**
A new bed, blanket and some soft toys will make any dog feel at home in a crate or in their favorite corner.
- Find a veterinarian and make an appointment.**
Talk to your vet about spay/neuter, microchipping, heart worm preventatives, vaccinations, flea/tick preventative and all the other basics.
- Enroll in pup school, no matter the age of your pup!**
Pups that learn boundaries and obedience right away have greater success in their new home!
- Determine a housebreaking and/or crate training schedule.**
- Make an exercise calendar for both physical and mental workouts.**
This is a great way to bond with your dog right off the bat and tire them out.
- Dog-proof your home!**
Remove or secure all poisons, dangerous and chewable household items, and of course, your shoes!
- Make a plan for when you travel or are out of the house for long periods of time.**
Schedule a regular dog walker, learn about dog daycares and boarding BEFORE you need them, and/or get a trusted family member/friend to agree to care for your pup when you need it.
- Find some dog-friendly bars and restaurants in your hood!**
- Don't stress!**
Whatever frustrations you're experiencing will get better!
- And lastly, don't forget to create a theme song for your dog!**