



# New Dog Owner Checklist

Use this to help you prepare for what you should do before and after your four-legged friend arrives.

WEEKS BEFORE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Set up the crate, bed and food and water bowls	<input type="checkbox"/> Find a new vet
<input type="checkbox"/> Remove shoes, toxic plants, electrical cords and breakable items	<input type="checkbox"/> Stock up on food
<input type="checkbox"/> Set up baby gates	<input type="checkbox"/> Determine any health concerns
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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THE FIRST DAY	
<input type="checkbox"/> Avoid over-excitement	<input type="checkbox"/> Offer your dog alternating periods of family time and quiet time in the crate
<input type="checkbox"/> Immediately show your dog the "bathroom" area and allow plenty of time for relief	<input type="checkbox"/> Reward good behavior, like chewing on toys or sitting quietly
<input type="checkbox"/> Begin a regular schedule	<input type="checkbox"/>
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THE FIRST WEEKS	
<input type="checkbox"/> Visit the vet	<input type="checkbox"/> Stick to your established schedule
<input type="checkbox"/> Begin group training and socialization at the park	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare to spot signs of loneliness, anxiety and aggression
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