Dog adoption checklist



To ensure your dog is happy, healthy and safe, here is a basic checklist of what you will need to provide for your dog:

- [ ] Microchip – with your current contact details on a microchip register
- [ ] Local council registration – annual registration which is compulsory after three months of age
- [ ] Collar – with council tag and engraved ID tag attached containing current contact details
- [ ] Lead – to safely walk your dog
- [ ] Bedding – warm, comfortable, clean and free of fleas
- [ ] Shelter – weatherproof and protected from the sun, wind and rain
- [ ] High, secure fences and gates – to ensure your dog remains safe and doesn't escape
- [ ] Food and bowls – nutritious, well balanced diet at least once a day
- [ ] Water and bowls – clean and fresh water available at all times
- [ ] Desexing surgery – once off surgery which will provide a range of health and behavioural benefits
- [ ] Veterinary check up – at least once a year or whenever your dog is sick or injured
- [ ] Vaccinations – important injection administered by your vet to protect against a range of serious and sometimes fatal diseases
- [ ] Heart worm treatment – injection administered by your vet or medicated treatment you can provide to protect your dog against this potentially fatal disease
- [ ] Intestinal all-wormer treatment – medicated treatment administered every three months to protect your dog against potentially fatal parasites

- [ ] Flea and tick treatment – medicated treatment you can provide to protect your dog against nasty fleas and ticks
- [ ] Behavioural training – to learn how to behave appropriately when at home and out and about
- [ ] Exercise and socialisation– daily walks to release energy, provide mental stimulation and reduce boredom
- [ ] Toys and stimulation – to have fun, provide mental stimulation and reduce boredom
- [ ] Grooming items (brush, dog shampoo etc) – to keep skin and coat clean and healthy
- [ ] Car harness/crate – to keep your dog safe when driving in a vehicle
- [ ] Time with you! – include your dog in your everyday activities both inside and outside of the home, and interact and play games with your dog on a regular basis

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