Equipment List

Before your new puppy arrives, you’ll want to have all your supplies available as you begin on this new adventure!

Crates:

Your Region Coordinator will provide you with an appropriately sized crate for your puppy. If you prefer to purchase your own, you will want one with the following dimensions: 36”L x 24”W x 28”H

Collar:

**Puppy collar:** your puppy will come with an adjustable buckle collar fitted to him. You will need to make it bigger as he grows and eventually get an adult collar. You may provide your own collar but it **must be a buckle-style collar** in accordance with the Puppy Raiser Agreement you signed.

**Adult collar:** Your region coordinator will provide you with an adult size collar when your puppy out grows his collar. You may provide your own collar but it **must be a buckle-style collar** in accordance with the Puppy Raiser Agreement you signed.

Heartworm Preventative:

Your puppy will come with a supply of heartworm preventative. Dosage is based on weight so it will be important to weigh your puppy before deciding which dosage to administer. Your region coordinator will supply you with additional heartworm preventative as needed. All Guiding Eyes dogs are required to be given heartworm preventative on the first of the month.

Flea & Tick Preventative:

Your puppy will come with a supply of flea and tick preventative. Dosage is based on weight so it will be important to weigh your puppy before deciding which dosage to administer. Your region coordinator will supply you with additional flea and tick preventative as needed. All Guiding Eyes dogs are required to be given flea and tick preventative on the first of the month.
Identification Tags:

**Guiding Eyes tag:** Your puppy will come with a sturdy metal tag which displays the main number of our Training School in Yorktown, (hotline available after hours), and indicates microchip data is available. If a replacement tag becomes necessary, please contact us at cdc@guidingeyes.org.

**Micro Chip tag:** Your puppy will come with a plastic tag that has his unique microchip number on it.

**Personalized ID tag:** You will need to purchase a tag with your name (NOT the puppy’s) and your contact information on it. This should be attached to the buckle of puppy’s collar along with other tags.

**Rabies tag:** At 16 weeks of age, your puppy will receive a rabies vaccine. Your vet will issue you a tag which should be attached to the buckle of your puppy’s collar along with other tags.

**Local license:** You will need to check with your local municipality to see if you will be required to license your puppy. Please follow all local regulations.

Food and water bowls:

Stainless steel 3 quart bowls, non-tip for water bowls (picture at right) are suggested. Do not use plastic because the plasticizers can cause skin irritation and acne. Ceramic bowls are prone to breakage.

Leashes:

**Regular Lead:** 6 ft – 8 ft (No Flexi leads, please.)

**Long Lead:** 10 ft – 15 ft

Quality leather leads are available for purchase from Clover Williams. Ask your Regional Manager if a group order is being placed (preferred) or contact Clover at gebpupleashes@yahoo.com

Treat Pouch:

Use a treat/bait bag, nail apron or fanny pack as long as it is washable. Use in addition to other positive reinforcement.
Poop bags:

Be sure to clean up after your dog! You can reuse items such as plastic produce bags, supermarket plastic bags, or similar disposables suitable for the task.

Toys:

Approved chew toys: Kong™ (hardest variety—black—for adult dogs), sterilized natural bones, and Nylabone™ (inedible variety only). You can put Kong stuffing or dog treats into your dog’s toys and put in the freezer. Do not feed digestible products such as rawhide chews or greenies, as these can cause diarrhea and are a choking hazard. Please do not use the following products as chew toys: hooves, antlers, raw or cooked bones, Bully Sticks, rawhide products, Greenies, cotton or fiber-filled stuffed toys, and tennis balls.

For a complete list of acceptable toys, please see Approved Toys for Guiding Eyes Pups.

Door Gates:

Used to keep the puppy contained in the room with you. Not to be used to confine pup when you are doing other things. Not required, but good to have if limiting access to an area of the house. A taller model is suggested.

Grooming Tools:

While you will want a tool to groom your pup with, you are not required to get all of the options below.

Untangler™ Flea Rid Trapper Comb  FURminator™  Zoom Groom™
Heavy-duty Nail Trimmers:

Pliers-type toenail clippers made specifically for animal toenail trimming. On 2-3 month old pups, whose nails are still small and softer than those of an older dog, you may find it easier to use a pair of human toenail clippers.

Styptic Powder:

Used to stop bleeding in a nail that has been trimmed too short. Note: Be careful when trimming to avoid cutting into the quick, or the dog will become fearful of nail trimming.

Canine Toothbrush and Toothpaste:

Use toothpaste especially made for dogs; human toothpaste can be toxic to dogs.

Digital thermometer:

Sometimes called a Whelping Thermometer. A digital thermometer for humans is also acceptable; however, in dogs the temperature is taken rectally. Use KY or other water-based lubricant.

Sanitary Protective Panties:

Canine panties for your adult female pups, to wear during heat. Raisers of female pups will need panties for at least one and perhaps two heat cycles.