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### **Ultimate Puppy Survival Checklist**

#### **Before Your Puppy Arrives:**

* Puppy-proof your home (hide cords, remove small objects, etc.).
* Set up a crate or puppy pen for a safe space.
* Purchase puppy essentials:
	+ Food and water bowls.
	+ High-quality puppy food.
	+ Collar and adjustable leash.
	+ ID tag with your contact info.
	+ Puppy-safe chew toys and teething items.
	+ Grooming supplies (brush, nail clippers, puppy shampoo).
	+ Puppy pads (if potty training indoors).
* Schedule a vet appointment for vaccinations and a health check.

#### **First Few Weeks:**

* Establish a daily routine (meals, potty breaks, playtime, training).
* Begin crate training and potty training.
* Socialise your puppy:
	+ Introduce them to new people.
	+ Expose them to different sounds and environments.
* Start basic training commands (sit, stay, come).
* Provide mental stimulation with interactive toys or games.
* Monitor your puppy’s behavior for signs of stress or illness.

#### **Ongoing Care:**

* Feed appropriate portions and adjust as your puppy grows.
* Keep up with vet check-ups and vaccinations.
* Begin lead training and practice loose-lead walking.
* Rotate toys to keep them engaged.
* Continue grooming regularly (bathing, brushing, nail trims).

#### **What to Have On Hand for Emergencies:**

* A pet first-aid kit.
* Contact info for your vet and a 24-hour emergency clinic.
* A backup supply of food and medication.



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