

First Time Ownership At A Glance



- 🐾 Pets are a life-long commitment – sometimes 15-20 years
- 🐾 Veterinary care is essential
- 🐾 The cost of owning a dog can be significant
- 🐾 All dogs require daily feeding and some amount of grooming and exercise
- 🐾 Training and socialization can be fun for both you and your dog
- 🐾 Puppy proof your home
- 🐾 Choose the right breed for your family and lifestyle

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Tip For First Time Dog & Puppy Owners



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Dog & Puppy Ownership Tips

What is the right breed for you



There are many different types of dogs with many different personality traits and characteristics. You should find the right dog for you depending on what you're looking for. Are you looking for a guard dog, or a family dog? Do they need to be good with kids, do they need to be patient? Do you want an old dog or a young dog? These are all questions you should ask yourself when you are trying to pick the right breed for you. You should know what you're looking for before you go to a shelter.

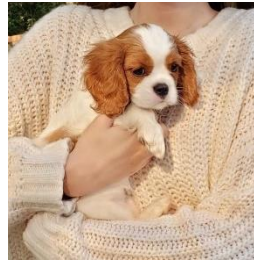
Items you need for a new pet

When you are a new dog owner you need the essentials for your dog. You need food, a feeding bowl/dish, and a leash and collar. You should also get a water bowl, toys, and grooming tools. Your supplies will change depending on what type of dog you get. For instance, if you get a puppy, you should get potty training tools, such as potty pads, and you should also get training tools.

Costs of owning a new dog

The cost of dogs varies depending on the size and maintenance of the dog. Food can cost you up to \$700 a year.

Then there is the cost of toys which can cost around \$45 yearly depending on the quality of the toys. Other necessities like grooming and Veterinary Care appointments can cost up to \$1,000 a year combined. There are other expenses such as training classes and pet sitters which all vary in prices. The yearly estimated total for owning a dog can be \$2,000. You should be financially stable before you think about getting a dog and think about the costs of having a dog.



Veterinary Care

Like people, dogs need a routine check-up each year. when you get a new dog, they need to be vaccinated. You will probably also get your new pet microchipped so that if they get lost or run away you will be able to find them. Your pet should also be spayed or neutered if the shelter has not already done it. The vet might also do nail Care such as clipping.

Feeding

Depending on your dog's size and their age will determine how often they eat. they can be fed once, twice, or even three times a day for meals.

You can feed them a mixture of dry pet food along with a mixture of wet or canned dog food.

Training and socialization

There are many different types of training for a dog. The most important is potty training and another important training is crate training. You can also teach dogs how to do tricks such as sitting, laying down and rolling over. Socialization is another important aspect of a dog's early life.



Come up with a routine

A routine helps your new pet feel more relaxed. For instance, always feeding them breakfast at 7, or taking them on a walk at 5. Routines help the dog and you get comfortable with your new life as a pet owner.