



Puppy Supply List

The following is a list of items you may want to acquire prior to bringing a new puppy companion into your home.

Crate - Vari-Kennel, plastic airline type crates are light weight and easy to clean. The more open, epoxy coated wire crates with a removable tray may be nice for females - - but are ineffective for housebreaking male dogs (they leg lift and piddle out through the wires); metal crates are also rather heavy for travel use. Airline type crates also provide a den like atmosphere for the pup. Ex pens or homemade pens made from the white wire shelving found at Lowes or Home Depot are great too!

Leash - We prefer the nylon leashes, which can be purchased in a variety of colors to match the adjustable dog collars. Do not use retractable leads as they have a tendency to hit the dogs in the head if they accidentally are let go of.

Collar – We do not recommend collars other than for bling! We suggest purchasing an extra small harnesses. The newer nylon adjustable harness's that "grow" with the puppy are great. The extra small is a good fit for the typical pup throughout his/her lifetime.

Identification tag for collar/harness.

Food and Water Bowls - Stainless steel works well, and is light weight for ease of cleaning and travel. We find the 1/2 qt. size works nicely for puppies. Ceramic bowls are wonderful for home use, especially for water, but too heavy for travel convenience. Plastic bowls are not a good choice because they get scratched and tend to grow algae and are not easy to sanitize.

Treats - Healthy, bite-sized treats for training and rewards.

Dry Kibble (dog food) – Fromm Puppy Gold in the pink bag high quality dry kibble is acceptable for the Yorkies and Biewers. Just remember to make any changes in diet gradually to avoid digestive upsets, and feed a puppy/growth formula until your puppy reaches maturity. Totally avoid generic brands as they are usually not nutritionally complete and have a tendency to have NUMEROUS recalls as of late!

Safe "Chew" Items - Nylabone, Gumabone and Nylafloss products are excellent, safe outlets for your puppy's need to chew, as are smoked cow or lamb ears, and cow hooves in moderation. Pig ears and related items; these can cause upsets due to the excessive grease, and recently have been shown to carry salmonella bacteria.

Toys – Anything that does not have anything they can choke on. Beanie Babies are not a good choice because of the beans.

Chris Christensen Brushes - For regular grooming of these long hair Biewers and Yorkies. They are expensive but well worth it. Here is the reason for the difference!

Do The Tip Test: Take the brush you have been using and run the pins down your arm and you will see scratches on your arm. This is because those brushes have not been ground and polished and they are very damaging and irritating to the skin of your canine and not only to the skin, for if you were to look at those tips under a magnifier you would find that they look like blades of a saw and they do break and cut hair. In many cases when you see dander after brushing it is not dander at all, it is skin that you have grated off while brushing, just like the scratches you now have on your arm. Take that brush that you have just scratched your arm with and do it a hundred strokes like you brush your canine and see how irritated and flaky your skin will be after that experiment. Now, take any of Chris Christensen Systems brushes and run the pins down your arm and you won't find a scratch, no matter how hard or how many times you run that brush down your arm.

I use the MARK II SMALL HEAD SIZE, and the 20mm OBLONG BRUSH. I am a hair stylist ... these are the best of the best brushes. www.chrissystems.com

Baby Gate - or possibly an exercise pen. Look at Goodwill for baby gates. You can get one there for around \$3.00!

Cleaning Supplies for accidents! - Cleaners, disinfectants, odor neutralizer, air freshener, carpet cleaner; consider getting a hand-held spot cleaning machine.

Nail Clippers - Toe nails need to be clipped every one to two weeks, depending on the pup and how much they naturally wear them down during daily activity. Plier types are the best. Make sure the blade remains sharp, and discard or change blades when dull, as a dull blade will pinch the nail and not cut as cleanly.

Kwik-Stop Styptic Powder - Used to control bleeding, should you accidentally cut the "quick" when trimming nails. It happens a lot!

BOOKS - Book's about breed information, home-medical reference for dogs, puppy care and training, dog behavior.

The following items are ones which you may not immediately need, but may find helpful for the future:

Dog Shampoo - Espana Silk Shampoo is good to start with.

Dog Conditioner – I use Biology Detangling Solution which is a salon quality conditioner. For something that is more economical get Paul Mitchell... they have a pet line!

Bitter Apple - discourages chewing of inappropriate items.

Tooth Scaler - for occasional tartar removal.

Tooth brush and doggie toothpaste – Brush regularly for good oral hygiene.