



## Training Tips - Help and Advice for new dog owners

### New Arrival Checklist

**Please think long and hard before you take on a puppy or dog.**

It should be a life time commitment but sadly many dogs (not all) end up in rescue due to owners not being able to cope with their new companion either because they cannot give their pet the mental and physical stimulation it requires or because they haven't bothered to get the puppy/dog socialised and trained with good manners and the dog becomes a handful and starts to think it's king of the household.

- Basket/bed, bedding and spare covers
- Puppy collar/adult collar & lead
- Possible dog training crate.
- Outside kennel if you are going to keep your dog outside.
- Child gate (helps to restrict puppies access to parts of your house)
- Also need a secure fenced garden for the safety of your dog so as to not allow it to roam unattended
  
- **For the car:**
- Dog guard for the car, or
- A dog travel harness, or
- Car crate/cage
  
- Food
- Feeding and water bowls
- Chews (always supervise when you give chews to your companion).
- Poo bags
- Newspaper or toilet training pads.
  
- Have a selection of toys suitable for the age, breed and size of dog (supervise playtimes).
- Training treats (check they are suitable for puppies as some are not suitable until puppies reach 6 to 12 months).
  
- Grooming tools
- Towels
- Claw clippers
  
- Find a good training club or school and go and watch first before paying out any money.
- Pet insurance (preferably life time cover).
  
- Find a vet in your area and maybe go and meet them beforehand to see if you like them and to see what services they offer (just because a vet is on your doorstep doesn't mean they are right for you)
- Make appointment for your new arrival's health check and vaccinations, flea treatment and worming programme.
- DNA profiling which is becoming more popular as well as the microchip/tattoo.

- Name tag with owner name and telephone numbers (it is also worth putting your vet's telephone number on the tag too)

**Call Sophia on 01359 233 049 to discuss your dog training requirements**