I Have a New Puppy, What Do I Need?

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Congratulations! Bringing home a new puppy requires careful planning. Some of the decisions you make now will have a lasting impact on your puppy's health and your family. These notes are designed to help you make the best choices for your family and your new puppy.

Learning Tools

Puppies are born with a lot of DNA and an infinite number of instructions about how they should grow and study. These notes are designed to help you understand how your puppy's genetic instructions interact with the environment that makes right choices and to avoid wrong choices.

Living with Your Puppy - Understanding Your Puppy's Behavior

Every new puppy owner has the same goal: to have a happy, healthy dog for the rest of his or her life. Puppies are sensitive and foreseeing, and their behavior is shaped by what they have learned. Most dogs spend their lifetime learning, but they learn most quickly and easily during the first few weeks of their lives, when they are still forming their brains and their personalities.

Management

We use the term "management" to describe the decisions we make every day to give our new home and while on walks. We recommend that you read the "Puppy Proofing" and "Dog Care" articles. Our goal is to help your puppy to get comfortable in items is explained in the "Dog Crates" article.

Dog Crates

Puppies are naturally neat and poop where they are not comfortable or have no other choice. To control your poop and pee, we recommend that you use a crate. Puppies are naturally neat and poop where they are not comfortable or have no other choice.

Puppies are born blind, deaf, and with a very weak nervous system. They can't see, hear, or smell. They can't even pee or poop.

- The Groundwork to Becoming Your Puppy's Pack Leader
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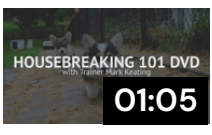

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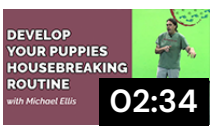

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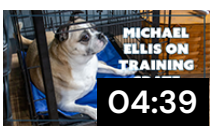

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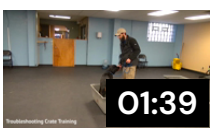

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