



HOW TO HAVE A DOG READY HOME

Bringing home a puppy is one of the most joyful – and challenging – experiences you'll ever have. Before you commit, take a moment to ask yourself:

- Do I have space in my home and heart for him?
- Have I set aside the money for everything he'll need?
- Can I commit time every day to love, train, and care for him?
- Am I free from long holidays or trips in the next 3 months, when he'll need me most?

A puppy depends on you completely. He will need your love, patience, and consistency. In return, he will give you loyalty, laughter, and a lifetime of companionship.

WHAT YOUR PUPPY NEEDS FROM YOU

- Love, comfort, cuddles, and companionship.
- A calm environment (*puppies learn calmness from us*).
- A safe space to sleep and rest.
- Play, training, and gentle discipline.
- Walks, socialisation, and grooming.
- Fresh food and water every day.
- Patience when cleaning up his messes.
- Your care and attention above all else.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM YOUR PUPPY

He's just a baby, and babies make mistakes. Here's what the first few weeks may look like:

- Crying at night or when lonely, until he learns about his new home (*this may take a few days*).
- Toilet accidents indoors until he's trained. *Remember: these are not his fault – he's learning, and you are his teacher.*
- Chewing everything for the first few months – fingers, shoes, cables, toys, anything within reach.
- Barking at little things, zooming around the house in bursts of happiness.
- Snuggling into you for comfort and falling asleep in your arms.
- Becoming your best friend and loyal companion.



DO YOU HAVE A DOG READY HOME?

SHOPPING

- Beds:** Start with a cheap, cosy bed (he'll likely destroy his first). Upgrade as he grows.
 - Crate or pen:** For safety, toilet training, and rest.
 - Food & water bowls:** Heavy, tip-proof bowls (large for outside, smaller for inside).
 - Blankets & towels:** Soft ones for comfort and old ones for accidents.
 - Food:** Dry food, fresh mince, rice, lactose-free full cream UHT milk, eggs, chicken wings.
 - Lead, collar & seatbelt clip for travel.**
 - Paper towels, baby wipes, and safe toys (op shop soft toys are perfect).
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TRAINING & CARE

- Call Tom the Dog Trainer **0476157746** to discuss sleeping arrangements, toilet training, and book a session from 10 weeks.
 - Read **Anna's notes** before your puppy arrives – and again once he's home (you'll notice new details the second time).
 - Call your vet** to book the 12-week vaccination and worm your pup at 10 weeks.
 - Book a groomer** for an introductory visit and first tidy-up trim.
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COMMUNITY & CONNECTION

- Join the **Doodillydoos Facebook group** to share photos and connect with other families.
- Start an **Instagram account** for your pup (and let Anna know so she can follow along!).
- Look into puppy insurance or start a savings fund for vet care.