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You've decided to bring home an adorable puppy — congratulations! As many people spend more time at home, it's an ideal time to welcome a furry bundle of joy to your household.

The first time you bring your new puppy home is a big moment for both of you — and one of the most precious times in your relationship together. We'll help you make sure your puppy's first impression is a positive one with this handy list of puppy prep tips.

Puppy-proof Your Home

Before bringing home your new puppy, set up your house — and new pet — for success. Make sure you have all the puppy essentials on hand, including a collar and leash, food and water bowls, puppy food and treats, chew toys and a bed or crate.

Set up one area or room as the “new puppy zone” where your little friend can feel safe as they adjust to their new home; be prepared for any inevitable accidents by lining the floor with some newspaper. By giving your puppy chew toys and a clean blanket, you'll quickly create a cozy environment. Finally, put electrical cords, chargers, shoes, socks and other

small objects a puppy might chew out of reach throughout the house.

Choose the Perfect Name

Next, what's your new pup's name? You may want to choose a name that matches their personality and is simple to pronounce and remember. Short names ending in consonants — Jack, Champ, Ginger — can be helpful for training, too. The sooner you name your puppy, the sooner they'll feel more at home.

Bring Your New Puppy Home

Now for the moment you've been waiting for! Take your puppy inside to their new home and introduce them to the comfy space where they will sleep and adjust. Just imagine all the scents, sights and sounds your new best friend will take in. You'll also want to show the puppy where they will eat and drink. Fill the water bowl in advance and put some [CESAR® canine cuisine for puppies](#) in the food bowl so they can dig right in!

If there are kids in the house, make sure you show them how to treat your new pet with care. Since your pup may be a little anxious at first, teach everyone in your family to be friendly, gentle and understanding. Keep an eye on your puppy — and kids as they play with them — during the first few days and weeks as they gradually explore.

Start Puppy Housetraining

Though accidents are a part of puppy ownership, a small detail that will make a big difference is starting housetraining as soon as you bring your puppy home. Take some time to help your little friend find a good spot outside — they'll appreciate having a familiar place to “do business.” When your pup gets the job done, show some praise. And if they decide now is not the time to go, no worries. Simply head back inside and try again the next time it looks like nature is calling.

Spend Quality Time with Your New Best Friend

Now for the best part: creating special moments together! From day one, you can't help but fall in love with each other. Through fun times and playful moments, you'll create a very unique and special bond.

You've already taken big steps to ensure your relationship starts off on the right foot — or paw. And by setting a loving and caring example, there's no doubt you'll make your

precious puppy feel right at home in no time.

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