

# Puppy Supplies

- Collar & leash. Your puppy will need a collar and leash the day you bring him/her home. ... A young puppy will have a neck size of 10 - 15 inches but will mature to around 22-24 inches. I recommend getting a 6 foot leash to walk them on and take them to confined places like stores and vet offices. Retractable leashes work great once you get use to them but only in open areas because it is hard to control your dog.
- Crates and containment. ... Most of the labrador fit in a 36 inch wire crate as adults but prefer a 42 inch for them to lay down in and be comfortable. These crates usually come with a divider to make your crate smaller when they are a puppy and gradually increase as they get older. The 36 inch will work good in a vehicle. Exercise pens work great for portable containment when traveling. The plastic crates or Vari kennels your will look for a large (36 in long or 400 series) or extra large (40 in long or 500 series) size as an adult. These are a little harder to make smaller for crate training.
- Dog bed. ... I recommend the Kuranda raised beds especially for puppies, I prefer the aluminum ones to prevent being destroyed
- Food and water bowls. ... I would recommend not tip bowls and be prepared for you labrador puppy to play in it. You may want to consider a bowl that slows the puppy down while eating if your puppy becomes a fast eater. I recommend secluded feeding for easier potty training.
- Food, treats. ... Your puppy is being fed Purina Pro Plan Puppy chicken/rice. He/she is eating 2 1/2 to 3 cups daily. Your puppy is eating 1 cup three times a day for a total of 3 cups of food per day. You can add water and/or a teaspoon of canned food to help your puppy eat at their new home. I would recommend milk bones as treats to hid in Kongo or use as training treats. You can get the small ones for smaller dogs or break the bigger one up into small pieces for training. Your can also use their kibble as training treats.
- Grooming supplies. ... slicker bush works for everyday brushing but when it comes shedding time I recommend a grooming rake.
- Identification. ... She/he is microchipped and will be registered with AKC Reunite. She/ He will also be registered with AKC under your name on a limited registration. Visual ID works great for faster return to you if your puppy lost in your local area. Once your puppy receives it's rabies tag he will also have another ID because it will have the vet office number on it which people can call and you vet office will get in touch with you.
- Toys. I recommend getting toys for active chewers. I like Kong products and Nyla Bones. The Kongs I recommend are the black ones for extreme chewers but the red ones will work when they are younger. If you get rawhide, I would get hard pressed raw hides but always monitor them with rawhides and chew bones. always monitor the puppy with stuffed toys because they can chew them up and possibly eat and get some stuck in their bowels. I like to use deer, elk, or moose antlers for them to chew on.
- Poop bags and/or a Pooper scooper. Poop bag dispenser for you leash to be a responsible dog owner in public and pick up your dog's poop. Also hand wipes for you afterwards, I keep mine in the car.
- Storage bin for food if needed
- Doggy shampoo - if you plan to bathe often then I would get a mild oatmeal shampoo, I like using a shampoo called Double K Grimeinator to get the dogs clean but it is not made for frequent bathing. There are other scented shampoos that work well too. Do not use human shampoo because a dog's PH is different than ours. Puppies tend to have some flaky skin after bathing often. They are growing fast and the turn over time of their skin cells are quicker than adults. Also if you bath during shedding season the will shed more after the bath. Just make sure you know of your dog shampoo is a gentle shampoo or cleansing shampoo because it can affect the drying out of the skin.
- Nail clippers - I like the orange handle clippers
- Baby gates if you need to keep him confined to a room
- keep a pet supply kit in your car for traveling. This should include a dog bowl (regular or collapsable), paper towels to clean up accidents, hand sanitizer or hand wipes for you, baby wipes for the dog to do a quick clean up, a spare leash and collar, maybe some

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medication such as benadryl or meclizine, water bottle or water container, some of their food, a copy of registration, a copy of vaccinations, extra towels and blankets

- Pet proof your house! Go online for check lists for this task to discover things you may have forgot.
- Places to get dog supplies, food, products online: [chewy.com](https://www.chewy.com), [petco.com](https://www.petco.com), [petsmart.com](https://www.petsmart.com), [drsfostersmith.com](https://www.drsfostersmith.com), [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), [revivalanimal.com](https://www.revivalanimal.com), [petedge.com](https://www.petedge.com)
- places to find good dog info online: [petmd.com](https://www.petmd.com), <https://vcahospitals.com/know-your-pet>, [www.vetstreet.com](https://www.vetstreet.com), <https://apdt.com/category/safety-pet-owners/>

The following are lists of websites that you can check out for supplies and information. These are just recommended places to look for information and to buy products.

## Resources on Labradors:

- <https://www.thelabradorsite.com>
- <http://www.labbies.com/#Articles>
- <http://www.nationallabradorretrieverclub.com>
- <http://www.thelabradorclub.com>
- <http://blueknightlabs.com/article-links/>
- <https://vcahospitals.com/know-your-pet>
- <https://www.banfield.com/pet-healthcare/additional-resources/article-library>
- <http://www.akc.org/content/dog-training/articles/>
- <https://shoppuppyculture.com/pages/the-learning-center>
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## Product Resources:

- <https://www.chewy.com>
- <https://www.revivalanimal.com>
- <https://www.petedge.com/>
- <https://www.dogsupplies.com>

Facebook Private Group called MistyWoods Labradors Extended Family - please ask to join this group if you are on Facebook (you must answer the questions). It has only people that own one of my dogs as members.