



♥ **Congrats on your Upcoming ASD FurBaby Arrival!** ♥
Supply List and Info

Their food has been **"Blue Buffalo Wilderness Grain free W Red Meat Puppy in Red Bag"** for great nutritional value through your puppy's first year of life. You can get it at select pet stores or even have it delivered monthly online. They are eating three times a day, breakfast lunch and dinner, and the amount to feed them is written on the back of the bag per DAY, just divide by three for the three meals. Any food that you can buy in a Grocery Store is not typically a great quality food. **If you do change your puppy's food, you should just do it very slowly, by mixing in a bit of the food you want to switch him to gradually with the food they have been eating here to avoid stomach upset. Puppies/doggies typically have very sensitive stomachs and can get very ill if you change their food without notice.** Then just after you get them all settled with you, they will go out in your backyard and eat a rock or grass or something else instead! Believe it or not, puppies only need ½ to 1 OUNCE of water per day per pound of body weight. So giving them a full bowl of water or access to one can simply give them a swimming pool, loose stool, or make them impossible to potty train.! They will have been eating dry kibble when they come to you just fine, however puppies tend to not eat as well for the first few days in a new home so do not be concerned if they do not eat much at first. Just like children, puppies will never starve themselves, I promise!

I will give you a small bag of the food they have been eating, some toys or chews, as well as a puppy blanket that has littermates and/or mom's smell on it. In the "Doggie Packet Folder" I give you, your baby will have all Health and Vaccine records consolidated onto one master page, with vet records following that as well, the microchip number and brochure explaining how to transfer into your name, and some miscellaneous general puppy/dog information sheets, (some attached above). As said, you can also download more information regarding, training, grooming, crating, etc., on our [Resource Links Page on our website.](#)

Crate training is suggested by most all trainers and doggie advocates these days, as it will also become the puppy's "safe place" as well. I do have a download regarding crate training on my resource page as well. It also helps tremendously with potty training, as well as provides a safe place for the puppy in your absence. If you are getting an older puppy or adult, hopefully they are potty trained already, but remember that is still takes doggies time to adjust to their new surroundings, and a new routine. When purchasing a crate, it should be just big enough for the puppy/dog to stand up, turn around a lie down, or they may potty on one side, and sleep on the other! **By longest length, a 27 inch crate is plenty big enough for a puppy, later, you may have to up-size.** If you are getting an older puppy or adult, you may need to upsize from those puppy measurements above. Some wire crates come with a divider that enables you to make it smaller at the beginning and remove the divider as the puppy gets bigger. If you plan to move the crate around in your home, the plastic ones have handles on the top, are easy to clean, and often make a puppy feel more secure with the more solid sides. Whichever way I'm sure he/she will be fine regardless! We just like to overthink all of this now that we have too much information! 😊

I, in addition, suggest what is called an "X-pen", (a sort of play-pen, 8 panels), so that you have a secure place to put your baby during the day for short intervals if necessary, or you can use it also to gate an area. That is where the puppies are here in between playtime. I further suggest you get one at least 30 inches tall or more, as they are like little spider monkeys, and will scale a 24 inch pen to be with you no problem! (check Amazon for cheapest pricing, get one with a door, - Metal wire 8 panel X-pen with door, at least 30" high) 😊

Oh, for socializing and early training/safety.... You may also want to get a little collar or harness (**size XS harness for now in small doodles and XS collar 8-12 inches in collar**), and a leash as well. I used to always include a leash, but everyone went out and bought a more stylish new one just after leaving here, (apparently my leash style-sense is lacking)! I personally recommend a collar rather than a harness because it is a way better training tool. People that use or utilize a harness tend to end up dragging their puppy along rather than training them. You CAN use a collar and leash as a training tool by simply giving a little jerk to the collar when you want to redirect your puppy and they will learn very quickly. The puppy will not learn well with a harness. You are trying to teach your puppy and guide your puppy. Not pick up your puppy like a suitcase LOL! Do also remember to not put the puppy down in places such as the vet, pet store, or dog park, etc, until another round of vaccines at least. You should consult with your vet regarding that. The conundrum...at the same time, **DO be sure to expose your puppy to other people, animals, and places in order to promote ample socialization in your new baby as well. During the time up to 14 weeks especially, (and beyond), it is a very important time to develop confidence and tolerance within your puppy by exposing them to a variety of surroundings (people and animals) that will influence their behavior and adaptability for years to come. In doing so, make sure that they always know from day one that YOU are the pack leader, not them. Just like a child, they WILL love you even if you feel you must give them a dose of "tough love"!** When you figure out the perfect formula for accomplishing all of that – let me know what it is, so I can perfect it as well!

Whew! Hope that helps! Is that enough information for you for now? I look forward to talking with you or seeing you again soon!

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