



# NEW PET CHECKLIST



**Planning ahead to ensure you have the resources (time & money) to care for a new puppy or adult dog is important. Here is everything you will need to consider:**

1. **Routine Health Care** – Initial puppy vaccinations & annual adult boosters; Regular flea & worming treatments; Health checks; Nail clips; Anal gland expression (depends on dog's needs)
2. **Oral Health Care** – Daily teeth cleaning; Pet tooth gel & brushes; Dental water/food additives, chews & toys
3. **Treatments & Procedures** – Neutering; Microchip (by law); Dental treatment; Investigations & treatment for illness & injury; Medication
4. **Emergency Vet Bills** – Potential emergency care for acute illness or injury – could be out of hours
5. **Pet Insurance** – Read the small print for what is/isn't covered; Lifetime policies generally have the least limitations
6. **Nutrition** – Choose a complete Vet-recommended diet based on life-stage i.e. Puppy, Adult, or Senior
7. **Grooming** – Depends on coat style, length & condition – may need a seasonal trim; Pet shampoo for home care
8. **Exercise & Enrichment** – Adequate exercise for breed; Bonding time; Enriching games & toys
9. **Training** – Puppy training; Socialisation including loud noise training; May require behavioural training
10. **Holiday Care** – Choices: Take your dog with you (if travelling abroad your dog will need an Animal Health Certificate, rabies vaccine & more); Send them to family/friends; A live-in sitter; Boarding kennels
11. **Needs & Accessories** – Beds; Bowls; Lead; Collar; ID tag (by law); Car seatbelt or crate; Dog coat for cold weather



**We hope you found our checklist helpful – why not share it with friends looking to get a puppy or adopt an adult dog too?**

