



Things You'll need for Puppy

For your convenience, Goldendoodle Acres has put together a clickable list of items you'll need for your puppy on our website. Please see complete Amazon shopping list [here](#).

1. Wire Crate with divider

Regarding crate size.... this is a common question. I like to have a crate for my dogs that is as big as possible so that even after they're potty trained, I still put them in there when we are away. Dogs like to stretch out many times when they sleep so I like a nice big crate. BUT, when potty training puppies, you only want enough room in there for them to stand up, turn around, and lie down. Otherwise, a puppy will think, "Oh, I can go potty over there and then come back and lie down over here." There's too much room! So....what I suggest for crates, is a wire crate that has a partition so that the crate grows as puppy grows. I found the least expensive place to buy them is Fleet Farm. Any pet store should carry them though...

Wire Crate (Double door folding crate **with divider** so the crate grows as your puppy grows) The crate is an invaluable tool, especially at the beginning. Avoid crating a puppy for more than 3 hours during the day. Vet recommend that for each month old a puppy is; they can be kenneled plus one. For example: A 2-month old puppy may be crated during the day for 3 hours. A 4 months old, pup can be crated during the day for 5 hours. All pups can be crated during the night, through the night.

SIZES

(M/L3	6" X 22" X 25"	(petite mini or mini GD)
(L)	42" X 27" x 31"	(medium or standard GD)

2. **Stainless Steel Bowl (x2)**
3. **Slicker Brush**
4. **Poop Scoop w/ waste bag holder w/ bags**
5. **Stuffed Toys (don't leave them with puppy alone in kennel)**
6. **Kongs (fill with Life's Abundance training treats)**
7. **Blanket (to rub on littermates when you come)**
8. **Guardian Gear Martingale Collar 13-18" (for walks when puppy gets older)**
9. **Very light nylon collar when you first get your puppy**

YOU PROBABLY HAVE THESE AT HOME

1. Old blankets or towels for crate
2. Old blanket to cover crate if your puppy likes the “den” feeling.
Some pups like to see what’s going on around them.
3. Hydrogen Peroxide (to induce vomiting if your puppy eats something toxic)

FROM THE WALMART- TYPE STORE

1. 100% Pure Canned Pumpkin (from the baking aisle of your grocery store) Pumpkin is a great source of fiber. When puppy has diarrhea or constipation, a tablespoon or 2 with every meal for a few days should help alleviate symptoms. Freeze excess pumpkin in ice cube trays to avoid spoiling.
2. Baby Gates to block off areas.
3. Pooper Scooper and Bags
4. Food and Water bowls (stainless steel or ceramic)
5. Airtight Storage Bin to keep the food fresh
6. Adjustable nylon collar w/plastic clasp (10-14 inch for mediums and standards, smaller for minis)
7. ID Tag
8. 6 ft. leash (Do not use retractable leashes!) I’ll show you why when you pick up your puppy
9. Digital Thermometer (it’s important to know if your puppy is running a temp)

** Start shopping for Obedience Classes. I recommend your local dog club. They will have puppy classes for pups your dog’s age. They train lots of pups and will have the ability to put you in class with pups of like intelligence. It will save your pup from getting bored. Pet store trainers usually don’t have the experience that the kennel club trainers do....

** Make your appointment with your vet for a new puppy wellness check.