

The Golden Gals LLC

Puppy Checklist

(most of these items can be purchased on Amazon)

- **42-inch wire crate with divider:** Your puppy should only have enough room to be able to stand up and turn around while they are in the crate. If a puppy has too much space in the crate, the puppy is likely to have an “accident” inside of it. The puppy should not have any toys or blankets while they are in the crate. We also recommend removing any collar, harnesses or leashes before putting the puppy in the crate
- **Wire playpen or gate:** We recommend wire paneled playpen that has a height of 30 inches. The wire panels can easily be configured to any size or shape you might need. They also can be used to block doorways to rooms you would like to keep off limits especially during potty training
- **Chew toys:** A new puppy will chew anything in his path: shoes, furniture, legos etc. Make sure you have plenty of toys for your puppy to chew instead. We recommend starting with a variety of toys like Tuffy, Kong, raw marrow bones and antler chews. Buck Bone Organics sells a large variety of antler chews. Kong, Tuffy and Buck Bone Organics can be easily purchased from Amazon or Chewy. Remember to always offer a toy when you catch your puppy chewing a non- toy
- **Leash and collar:** Puddle Jumper Pups is an online leash and collar Etsy shop that offers a lot of fun designs and patterns. For talking walks, no-choke mesh harnesses are HIGHLY recommended. When you take home your puppy, we recommend you buy collars and harnesses in a size medium
- **Nature’s Miracle or other enzyme cleaner:** Even the best-trained puppy will have an accident at some point and it should be cleaned up within seconds. The difference between enzyme cleaners and your regular household spray is that the enzymes will eliminate odors that only your dog can smell, reducing any reminder that he’s gone potty in any particular part of your house. Also avoid any cleaning agents that contain ammonia. The chemical smells just like pee to a dog and dogs love “going” where they’ve “gone” before
- **Royal Canin Golden Retriever Puppy Dry Dog Food:** This has been the only brand of puppy food your puppy has had and is HIGHLY recommended. If you plan to change food brands, you will still need to purchase this food to gradually adjust your puppy. It typically takes 7–10 days to adjust to the change in brands. Side effects by changing brands can include the following:

vomiting, gas, and or diarrhea. We recommend allowing your puppy to adjust to their new home before changing their food.

- **Seresto 8-month flea and tick collar:** this flea and tick collar provides 8 months of flea and tick protect and is also waterproof. We recommend that you buy the collar in large. A large size collar is for puppies 18lbs and up. Be sure that your puppy is at least 18lbs before putting the collar on your puppy
- **Heartworm Preventives:** Sentinel Spectrum is a highly recommended heartworm preventive. Please contact your local vet to get proper dosage amount for your puppy
- **Identification Tag:** Please include your puppy's name, address and phone number
- **Slicker dog brush:** This brush is a wired brush that is perfect for removing troublesome mats and tangles. Goldens have two coats, a soft water repellent outer coat and a fairly thick undercoat. Every Golden Retriever owner knows that they do shed quite a bit especially in the spring and fall. Regular brushing will help to keep the fur down in your home
- **Kwik Stop Styptic Power:** quickly stops bleeding caused by clipping nails to short. This is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- **Dog nail clippers:** pliers style nail clippers are recommended for large breeds such as Golden Retrievers
- **Puppy Shampoo:** Johnsons baby shampoo is perfect for bathing a puppy. When your puppy becomes more patient in the bath, you can use other shampoos like Chris Christensen's Smart Wash grooming shampoo. Chris Christensen also has dog cologne that we love to use as it has a delightful and subtle sent that lasts all day. Our favorite scent is "Jungle Apple"
- **Dog ear cleaner:** We recommend using TrizULTRA+Keto flush as your go to ear cleaner for your puppy. Apply to the ear canal and gently, but firmly massage the base of the ear. Use a cotton ball to remove excess solution. Repeat as necessary. You can purchase this on Amazon or at your Veterinary office

- **Pooper scooper:** Pooper scoopers are quick and efficient when it comes to removing dog waste from your yard. Nature's Miracle Jaw Scoop makes pooper scooping a quick and sanitary affair. You can use this scooper on almost all surface thanks to its design and construction materials. The jaw is made of high-quality plastic that's non-stick and antimicrobial. Be sure to order poop bags as well for outings
- **Dog food storage:** A great solution for ensuring your puppy's food stays fresh is using an airtight storage system. Be sure the storage system is large enough to hold a large bag of your puppy's food
- **Training Treats:** The best dog training treats are irresistible, yummy and easy to break or small pea-sized treats. Brands of training treats we recommend are Crazy Dog Train-Me! And Merrick Power Bites
- **Dog bed:** We recommend introducing a dog bed once your puppy is potty trained. We buy our dog beds from Costco, they are the 42" Round pet bed
- **Car Seat Protector:** traveling with your puppy is a great way to practice socialization skills. A way to make it easier is to get a car seat protector to protect your car from pet hair, mud or scratches
- **Go Pet Club Hair Dryer:** We utilize this dryer on a daily basis. The Pet Dryer is designed for professional style grooming for your pet at home! Powerful airflow dries your puppy quickly and thoroughly, saving you time. This can easily be purchased on Amazon
- **Puppy Bowls:** We recommend stainless steel non-slip bowls (steel collects less bacteria than glass or plastic)
- **Amazon Alexa:** While crate training your puppy, we utilize Amazon's Alexa by playing thunderstorm sounds. The thunderstorm sounds will help sooth your puppy while they are in the crate. Be aware that thunderstorm sounds play for approximately 2 hours. Be sure to set the sound on an endless loop
- **Pet insurance:** An **active** pet insurance is required when picking up your puppy. We highly recommend Trupanion

- **Veterinary:** All puppies must have their first veterinary appointment within 72 hours of going home. Be sure to bring their health certificate (which will be provided in their folder when you pick up your puppy) along with a stool sample. Two veterinary offices we use are: Roxbury Animal Clinic located on 156 Baker Road in Roxbury CT (860-354-8612) and Mount Pleasant Hospital for Animals located on 119 Mt. Pleasant Rd in Newtown CT (203-426-8585)
- **Boarding:** Golden Gals offers boarding for your dog located on our 10 acre farm at 20 Split Rock Bethany CT 06524. For more information, please contact us at 203-209-1559