PETSMART Charities

NEW DOG *Checklist*

HELPING YOUR ADOPTED DOG FEEL AT HOME

Bringing home an adopted dog is a big moment.
This checklist focuses on the essentials that help dogs feel safe, supported, and settled as they adjust to life in **A NEW HOME.**

Home Sweet Home

- ◯ Comfortable bed or resting space
- ◯ Crate or quiet area (if appropriate for your dog)
- ◯ Gates or exercise pens to manage new spaces
- ◯ Puppy pads or house-training supplies (if needed)

On the Go

- ◯ Collar or harness that fits properly
- ◯ Leash
- ◯ ID tag with updated contact information
- ◯ Poop bags

Mealtime

- ◯ Food appropriate for your dog's age and needs
- ◯ Food & water bowls
- ◯ Food storage container
- ◯ Optional toppers or wet food for picky or transitioning eaters

Health & Wellness

- ◯ Schedule a veterinary check-up
- ◯ Calming tools or enrichment items (especially during transitions)
- ◯ Dental care basics
- ◯ Grooming essentials
- ◯ Flea, tick, and heartworm prevention (as recommended by your veterinarian)

Play & Build Trust

- ◯ Toys suited to your dog's age and energy level
- ◯ Chews for comfort and stress relief
- ◯ Training treats for positive reinforcement
- ◯ Stain & odor remover (accidents happen — it's part of the process)

