

## A New Dog Shopping List

Rep Ferreh Sherwood wrote down her shopping list when she adopted Jackson. We have added to it and you might find it helpful in settling in with your new family member.

- ↔ **Food** (Check with Rep to see what they're feeding.)
- ↔ **Food and Water Dishes.** Stainless steel are easily cleaned, don't break, can't be chewed and are dishwasher safe. Use caution when using a crock type or breakable bowl that no chips accidentally get in the food or water.
- ↔ **ID Tag** (Use only your phone number and address. If the dog's name is on the tag it only makes it easier for theft. (Always purchase two at a time. If one gets lost you will have a backup that can be put back on immediately.)
- ↔ **Buckle Collar,** (your rescue dog will come with a collar. (Reps put a flat collar rescue dogs with the program ID tag on it. We recommend you get a Martingale or slip type collar for safety while traveling with your new dog. You can find them on our website at: <http://www.staar.org> : click on the T-shirts etc.. link)
- ↔ **Martingale / No-Slip Collar:** This is a less severe type of "choke Action" collar and safer to use if you need to leave the collar on, as when traveling. It allows control over the dog and eliminates the possibility of the dog slipping free of the collar when properly fitted. Its limited closure helps eliminate possibility of choking if it gets caught.
- ↔ **Chain Choke / Slip Collar.** This collar should be used for training purposes or walking *only*. *NEVER* leave a choke collar on the dog. The easiest way to remember is to never take the collar off the leash. For proper use the collar should form a P when being put over the dogs head. For proper fit measure your pet's neck and add 2-3" for proper size.
- ↔ **Leash** (It is always a good idea to have two leashes. A Flexi type leash or long line is handy for 'airing' your dog during walks or trips)
- ↔ **Car Harness / Barrier.** These help keep the dog confined and can help if the dog gets car sick.
- ↔ **Crate,** (See page on Crate Training for Dogs & Puppies. Choose a size that fits your dog. For most dogs length is important. It should be long enough that your dog can lay comfortable, get up and turn around.
- ↔ **Blanket.** Can help keep hair off seat, become their bed or crate liner.
- ↔ **Dog Bed [OPTIONAL]** (Purchase or make one with a zippered cover for easy washing.) Crates also make excellent beds.
- ↔ **Brush:**
  - Pin style brushes** (choose styles with epoxy tipped pins)are effective as a daily brush.
  - Slicker** style brushes have wire bristles set in resilient rubber pads and are great for removing dead or shedding coat. Use carefully around sensitive areas of the body.
- ↔ **Combs:**
  - Flea Comb:** If you live in a flea or tick area it is always good to have a fine toothed flea comb that will disturb fleas and their eggs. We suggest metal as it will last longer than the plastics.
  - English Moulting Shedding Comb:** Special tooth configuration removes loose and dead hair. (Excellent tool)
- ↔ **Rakes:** Undercoat rakes give the benefit of a comb with a handle style that gives better grip. A good one is an Untangler type with rotating teeth.
- ↔ **Scissors:** Thinning scissors allow you to shorten or shape without that hacked up look.
- ↔ **Dog Toothbrush** w/toothpaste
- ↔ **Nail Clippers/Trimmers** come in different styles, just keep blade sharp.
- ↔ **Nail Groomer:** An electric grinding type tool (Drimmel) that grinds the nail off reducing the chance of clipping into the quick.
- ↔ **Kwik Stop** (Stops bleeding if you cut a nail too short.)
- ↔ **Shampoo**
- ↔ **Pet shower attachments** make bathing MUCH easier if you don't have a hand held shower head.
- ↔ **Urine smell removal solution** in case of accidents. There are many brands, Odor Mute, Natures' Miracle etc.
- ↔ **Toys,** Frisbee, Balls, Rope throws, Chew Toys.....
- ↔ **Treats.** Limit the amount of treats and remember to add it to the caloric intake if you are trying to get weight on or off our dog. Their own Kibble when fed by hand becomes a treat.
- ↔ **Pooper Scooper** /Plastic bags for pick-up and disposal of his "calling cards". Keep them everywhere! In your car, pocket, purse etc. (Doggie Bags from Restaurants work well, as do zip locks).

← **Veterinarian** (If you don't have a family vet already.)