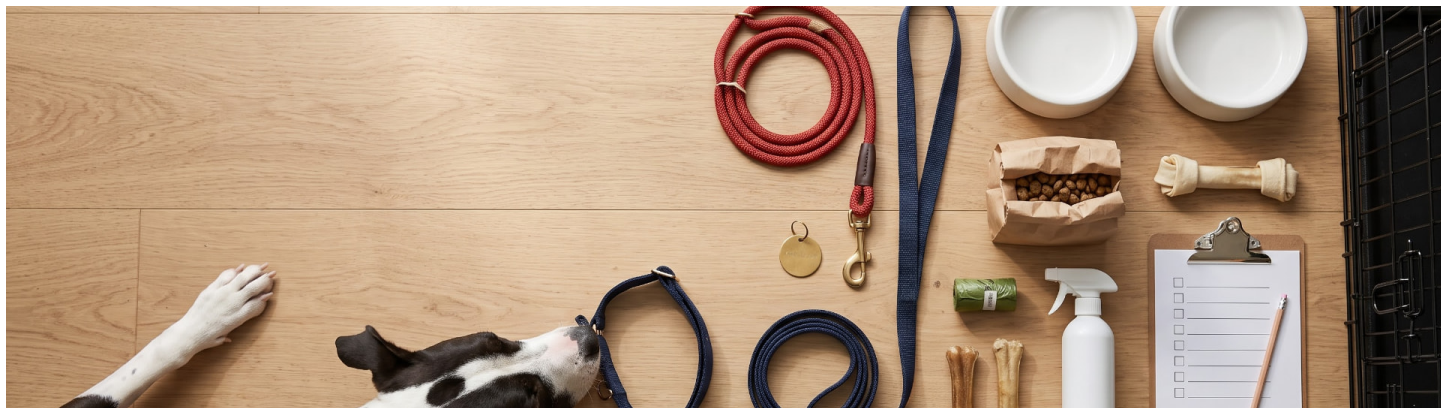


New Dog Checklist: Buy Safety Essentials First



THE SHORT ANSWER

A rescue dog needs a martingale collar, slip lead, leash, ID tag, crate and the shelter's food before pickup day. Poop bags, enzyme cleaner, bowls and a baby gate round out the must-have list. Toys, fancy beds and grooming gear can wait 2 to 4 weeks.

FOUR THINGS TO REMEMBER

- 1 Prioritize secure walking gear, an ID tag, crate, bowls, shelter food, waste bags, enzyme cleaner and a baby gate.
- 2 Check martingale fit so its limited tightening prevents escape without choking. A slip lead is backup, not everyday equipment.
- 3 Register the microchip with your contact details. Choose a crate large enough for standing, turning and lying stretched out.
- 4 Use the crate as a quiet den, never punishment. Postpone bulk toys, fancy beds and grooming purchases until preferences become clearer.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Check off safety essentials, update identification and prepare a quiet den before pickup day.

Read the full article and sources:

<https://letthembedog.com/blog/new-dog-checklist>