



New Puppy checklist

Congratulations on getting your new puppy. You will have a pretty busy time ahead over the next few months as you and your puppy learn about each other. Because you will be quite busy, this handy checklist was designed to remind you of important events or things you need to do for your puppy. Simply tick off the items as you complete each one.

- Obtain from the breeder, the pups vaccination certificate, microchip number and the NSW Companion Animal Register Permanent Identification form. You should also be given information about the pups diet, worming and flea/tick control.
- Post the yellow copy of the NSW Companion Animal Register Permanent Identification form to your local council. They will send you a certificate of Identification.
- Microchipping is compulsory. All puppies must be microchipped by 12 weeks of age. If your puppy hasn't been microchipped - your vet can do it at pup's second vaccination
- Get 3 puppy vaccinations by your local vet – usually done at 8, 12 and 16 weeks of age.
1 st vaccination _____ 2nd vaccination _____ 3rd vaccination _____
- From 8 weeks of age, puppy must be wormed regularly for intestinal worms
- From 8 weeks of age, puppy can begin a flea and tick prevention program – talk to your vet about the best product for your puppy.
- By 10 weeks of age, puppy must start heartworm prevention medication
- By 8 - 10 weeks of age, puppy needs to be enrolled in a puppy preschool class. Learn all about how to socialise your puppy with people, animals and things in their environment eg brooms, vacuum cleaners etc
- By 16 weeks of age puppy should have met 100 people including men, women and children of all ages and cultures. Make socialisation high on your priority list.
- By 16 weeks, puppy should know how to sit, drop, come, stay (briefly), give, leave and be comfortable travelling in the car. [Join our Senior Puppy class to keep on learning](#) 😊
- By 6 months, puppy should be desexed. Your vet will then issue you a Certificate of Sterilisation to show that your puppy is desexed.
- At 6 months, puppy should be registered with your local council. Take your Certificate of sterilisation and your Certificate of Identification to your local council office to lifetime register your pup.
- At 6 months, you should enrol your puppy in our [Building Skills class](#) - see our website www.positivedogs.com.au or begin attending obedience classes at a Sydney All-Breeds Dog training Club in Concord.
- If you have a registered purebred puppy, in addition to the above you will need to apply for transfer of registration so your puppy is registered to you rather than to the breeder. This is done through the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) in your state. You will also need to apply for membership to your states ANKC if you wish to enter your pup/dog in shows or trials.