



Preparing to be a DDH Mini Doodle Pet Parent

***Crate:** 24in - 36in crate for mini (30-40 lbs) doodles and for petite mini (18-25 lbs) doodles. One with a divider that can be adjusted will save you from having to buy another crate when the dog grows. Use a towel or blanket that's easily washable for the first few months, and then switch to a comfy bed for the crate. We will send a puppy blanket with sibling scents on it for transitioning.

***Collar and leash:** We recommend a quick snap style collar for your puppy. (Puppies can easily get themselves hung up on something.) This type of collar will unsnap quickly to prevent strangulation. DON'T get retractable style dog leash, these are not helpful with training. Get a short standard style leash for walking to teach your puppy. Also, be sure to get your puppy an id tag with your puppy's name and your contact info.

***Grooming supplies:** Mini doodle coats require weekly brushing. We suggest a good slicker brush and a detangling comb. We recommend that you have your puppy trimmed once they are 6 months old and then every 2-3 months. You only need to give your puppy a bath once a month if they are dirty. Buy a high-quality nondrying puppy shampoo.

***Plenty of chew toys,** especially the Kong brand toys or Nylabones, that are strong enough that puppies can't chew off pieces of plastic that can choke them or make them sick. Puppies love tugging toys.

***Potty cleaning supplies:** Urine eliminator, pee pads, poo bags, and some alfalfa pellets if you have your own yard. (We use these pellets to teach puppies where to pee/poo as it holds the scent in the yard or kennel we use for training) We actually use a litter box.

***Proper Nutrition is key** to a healthy happy puppy for life- you will need to order a bag of Pawtree Chicken and Oatmeal food from my link at least 2 weeks before your puppy arrives home to you to ensure your puppy has the same food to eat as at DDH home. (I do not store bags of food at my home for families; let it come right to your door) This food is not sold in stores. www.pawtree.com/doodledoghill *Click on my recommendations at the top right of this page

***PAWBOX** is the easiest way to order your puppy's food PLUS gets you a 25% discount on shipping. PAWBOX orders automatically enroll you in Paw Club, which allows you to earn extra points towards free pet products.

*FREE Shipping -Just add three nonfood items to your PAWBOX to qualify for free shipping. (Treats, paw pairings, health care, etc.) The site shows you which items qualify the order for free shipping.

*Chicken and Oatmeal formula food - Use a picture of your puppy to customize your puppy food. Try out the pet profile as well.

Sizes: Regular = 1 bag, Large =2 bags (save 9.95), XL = 3 bags (save 24.98)

***ETC:** Baby gate (if needed), food and water bowls, ear cleaning solution and cotton swabs, shop for puppy classes in your area, and lots of LOVE and PATIENCE.

