



Puppy Necessities

Here is a very helpful list of items that we've put together which you will probably need as part of Puppy Dog Ownership. These are only recommendations; please feel free to use what you like.

1. Kennel

Purchase a kennel such as a Pet Mate Vari-Kennel – Size Large (36”L x 25”W x 27”H). These are hard sided plastic with side air vents and a wire door. The kennel will be used for crate training which will also help with potty training. Dogs tend to like caves and dark places that they deem “safe” so they're more comfortable in the plastic kennels than more open types of crates. This type also helps to contain more dirt and feces than the wire ones so will also keep your home cleaner in the area where the kennel resides. We DO NOT recommend the completely wire crate cages because pups can get their feet/toes and jaws caught in between the wires!! Believe me, it does happen!

2. Grooming Items:

- ∞ **Brush** – soft bristled hair brush – for the body. NO WIRE SLICKERS – a Llewelin's coat is too thin and fine for those wire brushes, the wire tines will scratch the sensitive skin.
- ∞ **Comb** – metal wide toothed comb or rake – for long feathering on ears, chest, legs and tail. These are great for removing seed pods, cockle burs and sand burs.
- ∞ **Toe nail clippers / styptic powder** – there are two types of clippers, a guillotine kind and a scissors kind. Either one will do the job adequately, but we tend to prefer the guillotine type. In case you should hit the quick, the styptic powder will help to stop the bleeding quickly.
- ∞ **Ear cleaning solution** – especially formulated for dogs
- ∞ **Shampoo** – use a hypoallergenic dog shampoo and make sure that it is suitable for young puppies.
- ∞ **Towels** – it is always best to have old “dog” towels handy for rainy days when your dog comes inside wet and/or muddy or to use after giving a bath.
- ∞ **Grooming bucket** or bag to keep everything together in one spot.

3. Collars & Leashes:

- ∞ **Collars** – We recommend the use of a neck collar on your puppy/dog at all times. The collar will also be a good place to attach your dog's ID tags.
 - ❖ *Neck Collar* – (Puppy / Young Adult / Adult) – as your puppy ages she will outgrow some of her neck collars, so it would be good to have some larger ones on back up for when your pup gets to that stage. Adjustable ones are great for growing pups. We will provide the first puppy collar for you in your Puppy Care Package.
 - ❖ *Head collar* – Also called “Gentle Leader (Promise Collar) or “Halti” these head collars are designed to keep your dog from pulling and also gives an alternate place to attach the lead instead of the neck collar. These collars can also correct undesirable behaviors such as pulling. A head collar **is not a substitute** for a neck collar and **should not be left on** when your dog is unattended!
 - ❖ *Harness* – A harness could be used with either type of lead or retractable leash mentioned below, instead of attaching to the neck collar. A harness will eliminate any pressure to the dog's neck in the case of pulling. It is also less likely that your dog can get away from you when using a harness as some dogs can pull their heads backwards out of collars when on a leash if the collar is not properly adjusted.
- ∞ **Leashes** – We recommend having more than one type of leash on hand for different situations and things you will be doing with your dog. All of these types are not necessary but could be beneficial to have.
 - ❖ *Retractable (27 ft)* – The kind of leash that is retractable and extends up to 27 feet is perfect for taking your dog to the park. This leash will allow your dog to run and play, but keeps you in control and also obeying park rules.
 - ❖ *Lead (6 ft)* – This kind of leash is perfect for running or walking with your dog where you expect your dog in the heel position or closer to you than 27 feet ahead! Usually a 6 foot lead is adequate. This is also the leash you would use to take your dog to the vet. Whether you want leather or nylon is a personal preference and could even match the dog's collar!

**If you will be walking/running with your dog at dawn, dusk or after dark, a reflective or even lighted collar and lead combination is a good idea. It will increase your visibility to others.

4. ID Tags

An ID tag is so important for your dog to wear at all times on the neck collar in case s/he should get lost, you can be contacted when someone finds him/her. You can order some really unique and cute engraved metal collar tags from vendors on eBay or elsewhere on the internet. The best tag to get is a "diamond cut" engraved tag, versus a "laser" engraved tag. With diamond engraving, your information is cut deeply into the metal tag and the information won't rub off. The metal must actually wear away to become unreadable and usually happens as a result of two tags rubbing against each other (such as the ID tag and rabies tag). Having a spare ID tag is also a good idea so that it can be switched out immediately if it becomes unreadable. ID tags do no good if you cannot read the information on them.

5. Bowls

An obvious need is bowls for food and water. We recommend either heavy ceramic (decorative pottery) or stainless steel because they are easy to clean. The bowl used for water should be large enough to contain an entire day's worth of water but not much more. Dogs like fresh water, thus the reason they think the toilet bowl is so appealing, so bowls should be refreshed at least once per day and anything in the bowl that lasts longer than that should be replaced anyway. You may want more than one water bowl so that you can keep water available in multiple locations in your home. For food bowls, again we recommend heavy ceramic or stainless steel with a non-skid rubber bottom. Heavy or non-skid types will help keep it from sliding away from your dog as they enthusiastically eat their dinner.

6. Beds

Llewellins love a soft place to lie, therefore we recommend dog beds which provide comfort and warmth. Having a few dog beds around will help keep your dog off your furniture. Usually at 24" X 36" size will suffice for this breed.

7. Natural chewies

Llewellins LOVE to chew, so we recommend natural chewy materials, such as rawhide sticks or pig ears, etc. However we DO NOT recommend the beef basted types simply because the basting they paint on to add extra "flavor" will stain your carpet or whatever else it comes in contact with when your dogs get it moist and sticky. As with any consumable treat, these rawhides pose a particular choking hazard because dogs try to swallow them while they are still too big to fit down the throat and then you will hear the dog wrenching to try and get it back out. As a precaution, please DO NOT ever leave your dog unsupervised with any type of rawhide chewy.

8. Toys

Puppies are energetic and love to play and CHEW, so keeping items around your house that the puppy knows are okay to play with helps to keep him/her mentally stimulated and occupied so that less damage will be made to your home décor items. These toys should be rugged and durable (these dog's jaws are strong) and can also be used for retrieving games in preparation for field work.

- ⌘ **Balls** – made of hard rubber (not "tennis" balls because they are too fragile; they're not worth the money because they will crack and bust wide open within minutes by powerful jaws, and the dogs like to pull the furry skin off too).
- ⌘ **Frisbees** – again made of rubber or a more durable material (not plastic – they crack)
- ⌘ **KONG toys** – the variety which are resistant to heavy chewing

Not recommended:

Braided/Twisted Cotton Ropes - DO NOT allow chewing on cotton rope type toys as these may also be consumed and could cause intestinal damage! What happens is the string enters the intestines long ways and gets stuck, the intestines can't move it along and the intestines start to die. This condition is LIFE THREATENING. If that's not enough to keep them out of your house, they are also hard to keep clean, they harbor bacteria, not to mention the dog will take a liking to chewing cotton and then chew holes in towels, blankets, couch pillows and underwear, so trust me, let's not go there!

Soft plastic squeaky toys – Adult dogs will destroy these in no time and most often will consume the plastic or rubber that was chewed off posing a choking or bowel obstruction issue.

Stuffed animals – Again these will be destroyed in no time. Usually the head will be the first to go, and after that, all the stuffing gets pulled out. The best alternative would be stuffing-free toys like Skinz or Skinneez.

9. Sanitation

Keep your yard in tip top shape with a couple of highly recommended sanitation devices.

- ⌘ **Pooper scooper** – the kind with a long handle and moving jaws that picks up the waste without having to bend over and keeps the stinky stuff as far away from your sniffer as possible!
- ⌘ **Doggie Dooley System** – this underground waste digester is like a mini doggy septic system for your yard. You can dispose of waste picked up with your Pooper Scooper, flip the lid with your foot, drop it right down the hatch, throw in some water and a few enzymes and your dog logs will be decomposed naturally.