

Recommended Supplies

Choosing the right gear can make the "puppy phase" significantly easier. Here are the top-rated products to set your puppy up for success.

1. Management & Containment

- **Best Overall Playpen:** [Frisco 8-Panel Steel Pen](#) — Durable, adjustable, and features a walk-through door so you don't have to hop over it.
- **Best Crate for Growth:** [MidWest iCrate with Divider](#) — Includes a divider panel so you can expand the living space as your puppy grows, preventing potty accidents in a crate that is too large.
- **Best "Safe Space" Accessory:** [Snuggle Puppy Heartbeat Toy](#) — Mimics the warmth and heartbeat of a littermate; a lifesaver for the first few nights of crate training.

2. Teething & Chew Toys

- **The Indestructible Classic:** [KONG Puppy Rubber Toy](#) — Softer rubber designed specifically for puppy teeth. Freeze it with wet food to soothe sore gums.
- **Best for "Power Chewers":** [West Paw Zogoflex Hurley](#) — Extremely durable, bouncy, and dishwasher safe.
- **Best Edible Chew:** [Best Bully Sticks](#) — A safe, fully digestible alternative to rawhide. (Always supervise while they chew!)

3. Walking & Training Gear

- **Best No-Pull Harness:** [PetSafe 3 in 1 Harness](#), [Blue-9 Balance Harness](#) Versatile harnesses with front-clip design and back clip design that can gently help with pulling behaviors.
- **Best Everyday Harness:** [Ruffwear Front Range](#) Padded for comfort, with two leash attachment points; ideal for long walks and hiking.
- **Standard Training Leash:** [6-Foot Leather or Biothane Leash](#) A standard 6 foot leash is the easiest type of leash to help teach loose leash walking for the handler and the dog.

4. Mental Enrichment & Feeding

- **Best Beginner Puzzle:** [Outward Hound Hide N' Slide](#) — Teaches puppies how to use their nose and paws to find rewards.
- **Best Advanced Puzzle:** [West Paw Toppit](#) — A more durable, interactive version of a Kong that can be "locked" together to increase difficulty.

- **Best Slow Feeder:** [Outward Hound Fun Feeder](#) — Prevents "scarfing" food, which reduces gas and bloat.
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5. Essential Cleanup

- **Best Enzyme Cleaner:** [Rocco & Roxie Stain & Odor Eliminator](#), [Anti Icky Poo Bioenzymatic Odor Eater](#)— **Crucial for potty training.** It breaks down the proteins in urine so the puppy doesn't smell the "bathroom spot" and return to it.