FREE PRINTABLE · NEW PUPPY

Chihuahua puppy *shopping list*

Built for a puppy 2 to 4 months old and under 2 pounds. Six things on day one; the rest can wait, and some of it he'd outgrow before using it three times.

Los Chihuahuas

Day *one*

- [ ] **Puppy food with mini kibble**
  Look for the AAFCO statement and "puppy" or "growth" on the bag. Buy the smallest bag: open kibble loses quality.
  Brand _____ Price _____

- [ ] **Potty pads**
  Standard size, not XL. Always in the same spot. Washable ones cost more up front, less in the long run.
  Brand _____ Price _____

- [ ] **A carrier or sling bag**
  His vehicle until his vaccines are done: vet visits, family visits and trips all happen inside it.
  Brand _____ Price _____

- [ ] **Two small, low bowls**
  Wide at the base and shallow, not elevated. Fresh water always available.
  Brand _____ Price _____

- [ ] **A covered bed**
  Cave or igloo style. Chihuahuas burrow by instinct, and this keeps him out from under your comforter.
  Brand _____ Price _____

- [ ] **Toy-size chew toys**
  Soft, smaller than his open mouth but bigger than his throat. No hard bones or antlers: they break baby teeth.
  Brand _____ Price _____

NOTES

Can *wait*

- [ ] **Harness**
  Not until his vaccines are done. Around 4 months, measure his chest girth with a sewing tape and buy by that number.

- [ ] **Clothes**
  He'll need a coat in winter, but a sweater bought at 2 months won't fit at 5.

- [ ] **Collar**
  Only to hold his ID tag. For the leash, always a harness: his trachea is too narrow for pulling.

- [ ] **Toothbrush**
  Once his adult teeth are in. Until then, get him used to having his mouth handled.

Skip *it*

~~**Vitamin supplements**~~
Not needed with a complete puppy food. Nothing without your vet's say-so.

~~**Slow-feeder bowls**~~
For dogs who wolf their food; he has the opposite problem.

~~**Huge beds**~~
He prefers small and enclosed.

~~**Standard-size toys**~~
Some weigh more than he does.

~~**Large nail clippers**~~
He needs a cat-size or toy-breed clipper.

- [ ] **A kitchen scale**
  The cheapest item that really matters, and you probably own one. Weigh him once a week, same day, same scale. If the number stalls two weeks in a row, call the vet.