

## SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT LIST

**Books:** You can get a lot of books from the Library that will help you understand your new puppy.

How to Housebreak your dog in 7 days, by Shirley Kalstone

How to Raise a Puppy you can Live With, by Clarice Rutherford & David Neil.

Dog Behavior: Why dogs Do What They Do, by Ian Dunbar

The Art of Raising a Puppy, by The Monks of New Skete

How to Be Your Dogs Best Friend, by The Monks of New Skete

The Right Start For Hunting, by Cheryl Loveland & Clarice Rutherford

**Purina Pro Plan, Adult, Shredded Lamb & Rice Formula:** The puppy has been fed “**Purina Pro Plan, Adult**” food as of 3 ½ weeks of age. Feed your new puppy 3 times a day. Because your puppy has new teeth coming in, we suggest feeding dry kibble in 1 bowl and wet kibble in another bowl. Make sure the puppy has lots of water day and night. “**Purina Pro Plan, Adult**” can be purchased from many pet shops. We get ours from Petco in Redmond.

**Move Free:** We also used “Move Free” for joint care. Our veterinarian Dr. Keith Norton recommended this product. You can purchase it at Costco. Move Free is a human product.

**Collar:** Adjustable, Nylon Web, as wide as possible (5/8”) x 8”-16”. (Made by Aspen).

**Leash:** Nylon Web, 6’ long, ¾ to 5/8” wide.

**Flexy:** 26’ long (they are called 2-8). For long walks.

**Brush:** I like a Slicker Brush. You have to be careful when you go over bones not to hurt the puppy

**Housebreaking:** “**How To Housebreak Your Dog In 7 Days**” is a great book. The only thing I suggest is you substitute the word Step in place of days. Not all puppies are ready at the same time. When your puppy is doing Step 1 when go to Step 2. Bladder muscles develop at different ages just like in human beings.

**Cleanup:** Everyone needs a bottle of “**Nature’s Miracle**”. This is the only product I use simply because it works. Nature’s Miracle has enzymes that break down organic debris, leaving the soiled area fresh.

**Expen:** A pen 4’x4’ for in the house. A place to put the puppy when you are busy. Dogs are pack animals; they do best with their human pack. The bond is always strongest if the puppy lives in the house. Put the small crate (remove the door) in the expen. Put the food and water bowl close to the crate. Put the toys in the crate alone with warm blankets.

**Crate:** What you will gain from crating your new puppy is a giant step in his training; first he will be much easier to house train. He won't want to make mistakes in his bed so he will wait until you take him out, which should be often. He will be easier to keep on schedule since he won't be underfoot most of the time begging for tidbits. He will learn to accept a crate happily so when you travel with him there will never be a problem about where to keep him. A crate should never be used as a punishment. The puppy will fit nicely in a 200 size Vari Kennel at this age. It is the best size for house training. (Ask to see if you can borrow one from the kennel). Your puppy as an adult will need a 400 size crate. I personally like the Furrarri Crates. They are about \$10.00 more than the Vari Kennels but the door opens both ways, and it has quick release latches. Approved flight cargo and has a 5 year warranty. If you think your puppy will be small, buy a crate **32"L x 22"W x 23"H**, if you think your puppy will be average size or larger, then pick a crate **36"L x 26"W x 26"H**.

**Kennel Run:** If left outside, your dog should be in a fenced yard or kennel run, not roaming the neighborhood. Loose dogs run the risk of being hit by a car, causing accidents, annoying your neighbors or even being stolen. The Yard or Kennel Run should have a doghouse to get in from the rain and provide warmth. The run should not be huge. 6x8 – 6x12 is fine.

<http://www.k9kennelstore.com/Facebooklanding.html>

**Chewing:** Again I use only one product because it works. **“Bitter Apple”**. I spray everything, I figure if I don't spray it then it will be chewed up. So everything that is puppy height or the puppy show interest in gets sprayed. The product label will tell you to test spray. I also set booby traps. I spray my good leather shoes, dirty socks and underwear then leave them out on purpose, when the puppy approaches the item I will make a negative sound. When the puppy moves away from the item I offer to play with the pup with an acceptable toy. In this way I teach the puppy that the negative sound means that the item is icky.

**Toys:** A few rules. Monitor the puppy with anything the puppy can chew up. When you see pieces coming off, take it away. Don't let the puppy have now what he can't have as an adult. (Children's stuff toys). Make some of the toys noisy. So the puppy isn't afraid of sounds. It is OK to have toys that are only given to the puppy when you are there. Tug toys, Frisbees, etc. Puppies are going to chew. Just like human babies, everything goes into their mouth. So make sure they have acceptable chew toys. I like **Nylabones** but be careful. If it is breaking off, take it away. The kinds I use are **Chicken or Liver flavored Pooch Pacified**. I throw them out when I think they are getting too small. I buy the Souper size even for my puppies. Never throw a hard toy. If the puppy tries to catch it, it could break a tooth. Another of my favorite's toys is **Nylabone Rhino**. You can but peanut butter or a biscuit inside it and the puppy will work for hours trying to get it out. It also has pointy knobs on the outside of it. So when the puppy chews on it, it kind of bites them back. Every Retriever needs a tennis ball. I like the ones with a rope so I can throw it easily, but if you leave the puppy alone with it felt chew off a handle.

**Rule:** Don't let the puppy start something that they won't be able to do as an adult. Get on the couch. Chase the cats. Pounce on little animals, etc.

**Classes:** Basic obedience training is essential part of responsible dog ownership. It quickly establishes a bond between you and your Golden Retrieve Puppy and makes him a joy to live with. A dog's mind is totally developed at 7 weeks of age. Just like a computer hard drive. Now it is time for you to add in the programs. You can create good habits or bad habits. Don't let the puppy do anything that as an adult you don't want him to do.

**We have classes for puppies, adult dogs, or competition.** After getting basic obedience you can get into our **Agility Classes**. It is always fun to take a class with your puppies siblings. Consistency and repetition are the keys to success in all training. Ask for a new class schedule or visit our web page at [www.caninecollege.biz](http://www.caninecollege.biz)

If you plan to hunt your Golden, basic obedience training forms the base from which you will work to bring your dog to higher performance levels.

**Boarding: We have a fully Licensed Kennel.** When you go out of town, leave your puppy with us. We love to see them and they can play with other puppies.