



Essential equipment

Sleep Management

Indoor Metal Crate – around £30. You can fill it with a piece of vet bed or a comfy fleece or some towels to make it cosy for your puppy. Cover it with an old throw will keep it dark and den like for your puppy. Save your expensive bed until your puppy is past their chewing phase. Some crates have 2 doors – one at the front and one at the side to fit into your home.



Travel crate – around £30. Really useful piece of equipment for socialisation and taking your young dog out to new places – dog friendly cafes; the pub; a friend's house or just travelling in the car. Remember not to leave your puppy in one of these when you can't supervise them as they might chew them.



This travel crate is a **Mool Lightweight Fabric Pet Carrier**. For a large breed dog, you will probably need a large or extra-large one.

House Line – around £6– a thin, lightweight line without a handle (which could get caught and stress your dog) which is about 2.5m long either attached to his collar or the top of a harness used to prevent unwanted behaviour. It prevents the chase-lunge-grab-avoidance cycle. This is a **Clix Puppy Line**.



Feeding Equipment and Chews

Dog bowls – one for food and one for water – around £5. Once you have fed the dog or left the food down for around 15 minutes take the food up and don't leave food around for them to pick at.



Kong – around £5. Great way to keep the dog stimulated by making them work to get their food. Also, really useful when crate training or in your travel crate. Remember to ask Karma Dogs for their Kong recipes for adults or puppies.

Lickimats – good when you can supervise your puppy



Most good pet shops sell Kongs - puppy sized or medium sized or standard sized one (red one).

Zogoflex Topples Treat Toy (cost around £20-£25)



These are a great alternative to a Kong, its shape makes it easier for dogs access the food inside. It can be used as a treat dispensing toy too and is very durable.

Natural Chews

We like to recommend more natural chews and stop giving our puppies plastic chews like Nylabones or rawhide chews which are over processed and can be fatal for some puppies. We suggest you get a selection of natural chews for your puppy including:-

Pizzle Bully Sticks (around £2 each)



Yaker Chews- around £5-£10



Antler Bone Chews – around £3-£4.

Good for dogs that love to chew but be careful that they don't chew them too long and cause any damage to their teeth. Always buy split antlers for puppies.



Oliver Branch or Chewroot

Better than chewing real wood or your wood of your chairs!



Our new pet shop in Glossop **Fox Pet Shop** has a great range of natural treats. **RawFeed4Us** in Hyde who stock a good range of natural chews for your puppy or **RawPawz** in Whalley Bridge. Alternatively, you can look for natural chew boxes from online companies like **ChewBox**.

Collar/Leads and Harnesses

Secure flat collar – around £7. Needs to be regularly checked to make sure the webbing and the buckles are all working and when you put the collar on the dog make sure it is tight enough so that you can't pull it over their head.



These are Miro & Makauri collars which come in lots of nice colours. The quick release clasps are much better as you are taking them on & off your puppy.



You can also get some great Biothane Collars, which are waterproof & come with quick release clasp.

Dog Identification Disk – around £3. By law you will need your tag engraved with your surname, first line of your address & your postcode. You can also add a contact number & could add to say that the dog is chipped. But don't put the dog's name on the tag in case the dog got stolen & they could pretend it's theirs if they can call it by its name.

These are great tags that slide onto your dog's collar or harness. **Identitag** sell these.



Halti Training Lead – around £7 for large and £5 for small. A great training lead as it is comfortable to hold and can extend to different lengths to help you train your dog to do stays at distance etc.



Large Halti Training Lead is good for bigger dogs and is about 1 inch thick and the small Halti Training Lead are ½ inch thick and are better for small dogs.

Body Harnesses

Helps to distribute the dog's strength more uniformly, rather than putting strain around the dog's neck. Make sure the harness fits well and has a clip on both the back and chest. Look for a Y fitting harness.

Perfect Fit Harness are sold by www.dog-games-shop.co.uk



Mekuti Balance Harness – they are sold at <https://mekuti.co.uk>

Freedom Harness – they are sold at <https://www.doggyboho.co.uk/product-category/the-freedom-no-pull-harness/>

DOG Copenhagen harness are Ruffwear harnesses are good too. Avoid any harness that say No Pull as these tighten when the dog pulls and can cause other behavioural issues. Julius K9 harnesses also stop the dog's natural stride.

Long Line for Recall Training – around £12. When you have a dog that doesn't have reliable recall or a young puppy who is just learning recall this is an essential piece of equipment. Don't use it like a lead but as a safety net that you can stand on to stop the dog running off. Look for a horse lunge line – a webbed one is better than the nylon ones as they are softer to hold. 10m is long enough.



https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0189SH3WW/ref=pe_385721_37038051_TE_3p_dp_1

There is also a great supplier of leads and collars called **Peak Paws and Hooves** who can make any lead or long line you want.

She also sells the short handled or close control leads that are useful for heelwork.

Whistle and clicker

Whistle – Acme 211.5 or 210.5 for spaniels – £8 each. Really good tool to use to help your dog come back to you at distance and to save your voice!



Karma Dogs has some for sale plus some lanyards too! Whistle and lanyards are £8.

Clickers. These button clickers are easier to use than the old square box which can be too loud for some dogs. Button clickers are a bit fiddly to use and avoid the clickers/whistle combos that are sold by Pets at Home.



Karma Dogs has clickers for sale (£6 each) or Amazon sells this of these **ASCO Premium Clickers**.

Silicone Treat Pouches – around £7-£10 – I love these as you can put them in the dishwasher. You can buy these from **Dexas** or **Rosewood**.



Toys

Tug Toys like Bungee Tug Toy - around £13-£18. Good toy to play with your dog and teach them to play and leave it. You can buy these from companies like **Tug-e-Nuff** or **Fun with Fido**. Or you can make your own using some old t-shirts or fleeces – check out with video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bm7ez7QJ_Fs



If you order from Tug-e-Nuff, don't forget to enter KARMADOGS to get 10% off your first order.

You can also make a simple plait toy by stripping a fleece or some old clothes.

Snuffle or Sniff Mat – around £20. Great interactive hide and seek game – you hide the treats and your dog has to find them. Check out **Jack's Wardrobe** or **Glazebrook Snuffle Mats** on Facebook or **Snufflemats.co.uk** for a range of canine enrichment toys.



Small soft dog brush like this one – around £5. Important to teach your dog to be brushed and handled by you and others. Alternatively, you use a soft baby brush for puppies.



A tick remover is also a very useful piece of equipment to have.

Additional useful equipment

Baby gate – around £25. Can be important to prevent your puppy or young dog running up & down stairs and causing any damage their bones and hip joints which are still growing into the sockets.



Puppy Pen – around £40-£70. These can be useful if you have more than one dog or you need to leave the dog for short periods. You can put your crate inside the pen.



This is an **Ellie-Bo Heavy Duty 6-piece puppy pen** which is around £65. They are often for sale second-hand.