



## Adoption Starter Kit

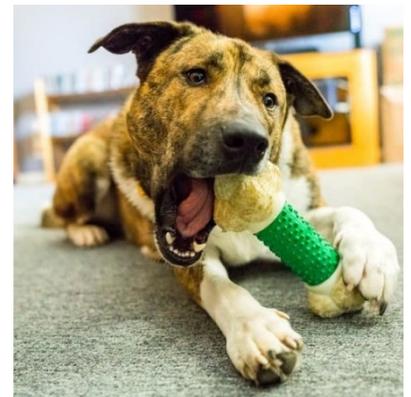
Over the years we have had the opportunity to try many new products. Below is a short list of our tried and true favorites that were used to help your newly adopted dog transition out of shelter life into life in a home. Whenever possible, we recommend purchasing these items to help your dog transition into his or her new home.

**WIRE FOLDING CRATE** (think of as your dog's bedroom or security place): We recommend the Precision Great Crate or Petco Premium Crate. Both are high quality, have 2 doors for flexibility, and have an additional door latch. Amazon.com and Overstock.com offer Precision Great Crates at a discount. When choosing what size crate is appropriate for your dog the key things to remember are that the crate is big enough for your dog to stand up, turn around, and lay down in comfortably.



**KONG** : These tough rubber toys stand up to most dogs. They can be filled with peanut butter, bananas, treats, etc., and then frozen. Store them pre-stuffed in the freezer and give to your dog in the crate. The frozen KONG will occupy your dog for some time. Most dogs use size Large or Extra Large. The black ones are for tougher chewers.

**CHEW TOYS**: Chew toys do a fantastic job keeping your dog's teeth clean while satisfying the urge to chew. As a bonus, chewing releases endorphins, helping to calm your dog and relieve stress. What chew toys you choose to purchase is a personal choice but we recommend you choose among the following; Marrow bones, knuckle bones, natural antlers, Benebones, Nylabones, and/or Kong chew toys. These chew toys can be found at almost any local petstore or Chewy.com. Be sure whichever you choose is appropriately sized for your dog and your dog is supervised during chew time.



**LEASHES**: We recommend using a sturdy leather or nylon leash for your dog. It is soft in the hand yet still grippy enough to manage a strong puller. A 4' to 6' long leash should do the trick.



**COLLARS**: We highly recommend using a limited slip collar or a martingale collar with your dog. Both types tighten when pressure is applied prohibiting your dog from slipping out of the collar – as can happen with a buckle collar. Most local pet stores carry these types of collars, they can also be found on almost any pet suppliers' website.