

Some books I recommend are:

- The New Beagle, by Judith Musladin (for a good beagle book)
- Super Puppy and Super Puppy Goes to Puppy Class, go online to <http://www.superpuppy.com> or just ask your browser to look for Super Puppy on the web and the only way I know to order these books is online. They are the **best** books I have found that go over how to train a puppy from the very moment you bring them home. If you can get them and read them before you bring the puppy home that would be best.
- I have heard the Beagles for Dummies book is very good and informative as well.

If you want to shop ahead of time, the items I suggest you begin to look for are:

- Plastic crate, they are called vari-kennels, size 200 (medium)
- Dog bed to line the crate, I suggest the slumber beds, they have rolled edges and fit in the crate
- You may want a bigger dog bed that they can lay on in the house. I get mine from Costco.
- Collar- their full sized grown neck will be between 12-18" and I usually get the 5/8 or 3/4" size, I don't like the 1", they are too bulky. You'll want to get a smaller one when they are puppy size. (Just get a cheap cat collar at the \$1 store)
- A leash, I suggest 6', but some people also like the retractable leash
- Two bowls, one for water, one for food
- Food, I am feeding my beagles either Pro Plan Lamb and Rice or Eukanuba Lamb and Rice. I will give you enough food to last you about a week so if you want to feed a different food, you will have enough to transition to the new food.

Items you may want to get but can worry about at a later time.

- Pee pee pads if you want to go that route, if not look below, I use a litter box right now for the puppies. They just chew up the pee pee pads and it makes a mess.
- Nature's Miracle- spray for the carpets in case they make a mistake
- Hand held Bissell, (carpet cleaner), I always have this handy and charged up in case a new puppy makes a mistake on my carpets, they are handy
- A brush
- Toe nail clippers
- Shampoo
- Ear cleaner, Sulfadene brand is good, (I always rinse their ears at the same time I give them a bath, which is at the most monthly)
- Treats, like dog biscuits
- Chew bones or toys
- Squeaky toys
- The doggy door if you want to go that route
- Heartworm prevention, a monthly medication you will have to order from your vet. I use this religiously because the mosquitoes not only carry heartworm, but also west nile.
- If you have fleas, I suggest Advantage for fleas. Or Frontline if you have ticks and fleas.
- I potty train them in a litter pan called Second Nature, made by Purina. (The pan size says miniature size/petite, dimension 20x24x5 for puppies 6-15 pounds). Then I buy wood pellets (used for wood burning stoves) to put in the pan. The pan is difficult to find, go to the Purina website and do a search for a store that carries the product.
- If you want to learn more about the Purina litter training system, you can go to <http://www.doglitter.com/GetPage.aspx?D=16273388&T=4937133>