



Lagotto Romagnolo Club of Canada

PICKING UP YOUR PUPPY

The following is a list of items you may wish to consider bringing with you when you are picking up your puppy.

Collar

- ♣ You may wish to consider an adjustable collar as your puppy will grow quickly and you will need to adjust the length of the collar on a regular basis. Don't forget to check the fit frequently to ensure that it is not getting too snug as your puppy grows.

Leash

- ♣ Your puppy may need to come out of its crate when you pick him/her up as they may have been in the crate for some time and may need a "bathroom break". Be very careful when opening the crate as some puppies can be excitable and may run out quickly. Consider having two sets of hands, one person to hold the puppy and the other to place the collar and leash. Some puppies may be anxious after such a trip. If you are sensing that the puppy is anxious, it may be best not to stick your hands in the crate and pull the puppy out—this may scare the puppy. Instead, consider putting the crate on a solid surface (i.e. on the ground) and let the puppy come out on his/her own. Best to avoid busy areas when you try this.

Drinking Bowl & Bottled Water

- ♣ When you let your puppy out of his/her crate, you may want to offer him/her some water to drink. Due to stress and excitement, the puppy may not drink (so you only need to put a tiny bit in the bowl) but it is important to have it available.

Food / Treats

- ♣ You may not wish to feed your puppy immediately upon arrival, however if you have a long drive ahead of you to get to your final destination, you may wish to offer the puppy some food. It is normal for a puppy to experience stress and anxiety when travelling so don't be alarmed if your puppy won't eat right away. In most cases, it is best to feed your puppy the same brand as they were previously fed or as recommended by your veterinarian. Puppy treats are sometimes a good tool to get the puppy's attention. Ensure the treats are puppy-appropriate.

Poop Bags

- ♣ You should always pick up any "surprises" left by your pets. Come prepared for a "pick-up" with some plastic bags or you can also purchase biodegradable bags specifically for the use of pet "pick-ups".

Paper Towel & Pet Safe Cleaner / Pet Safe Cleaning Wipes & Garbage bag

- ♣ Let's not forget that this is a puppy so accidents may happen. When cleaning the crate, you may wish to ensure that the environment is completely dry prior to placing the puppy back in. You may wish to consider cleaning products that are safe for pets.