



## Top Ten Puppy Essentials

from Dancin' Woofs Compassionate Dog Training & Daycare Center

New puppy owners find out quickly that having a puppy in the house can be all consuming! Consuming of your time, your space, your stuff! If you are prepared when puppy comes home, the whole process can be much more rewarding and much less of a hassle. Our list of Top Ten Puppy Essentials begins with two items that are intended to give both you and your puppy some much needed 'space': Crates and "Ex-pens"

1. Crates: fort, meditation space, den, safe haven, personal retreat space.
2. "Ex-pens" (exercise pens): mobile play space, romp room, fortress, toy corral, pad.  
 Crates and Ex-pens are used as training and safety tools. They are the fastest, easiest way for most people to train their dog, creating appropriate behaviors and proper houseetiquette from the start. The goal is to provide your dog with a place to play freely and still be safe. Ex-pens are versatile – providing for larger or smaller spaces as puppy earns and learns new behaviors. Most dogs love their crate if they are introduced to them as puppies. It is the best place to start your puppy off with a sleep area.
3. Collar with a quick-release buckle and set of identification tags and a 6' leash: Wider collars are more comfortable than thin ones. Immediately update ID tags or, when visiting friends, tape their number on it. Do not walk a puppy on a retractable leash. They are used only for exercise once you get to a play area.
4. A great veterinarian that both you AND your dog like and trust: Get referrals (we can help!) and then visit at least two of them.
5. Comfortable dog beds – for inside crate and for a spot outside of the kitchen
6. Plush toys - at least 5: A few small ones for your pocket, medium for at class, large for home. The best ones don't have stuffing or removable eyes.
7. Hard chew toys - at least 5: "Alone" toys dog gets to chew when in a crate or when alone (Goodie balls, Kongs, Nylabones, etc.)
8. Water bowl: refresh water daily
9. Grooming supplies: Nail clipper & Styptic powder, toothbrush, hairbrush. The sooner your puppy enjoys grooming, the better. Pick a brush that fits the fur-type. (We can help with this, too!)
10. Top-of-the-line, healthy dog food (and a bowl) and treats without by-products, corn, wheat or soy!: Your dog's health will depend a lot on the quality of food that you feed him/her.

Don't forget! Bend Pet Express is now offering monthly Puppy Parties! The last Sunday of every month from 3-4pm at both stores. Only fully vaccinated puppies, please. Come for fun and socialization and get a free treat!

### Fast Facts

All for Dogs Rescue

**Now doing adoptions at the Eastside BPE  
 the first Saturday of each month!**

www.AllForDogsRescue.com – 541-312-5342

- Volunteer organization that provides foster care for adoptable dogs.
- In-depth application process assures that dogs are adopted into their permanent home.
- Will foster dogs that are stressed in the shelter environment.
- \$100 donation provides for foster care until adoption. Or, foster one dog for one month! You'll be hooked...

## Awwwww!



Submit a photo of favorite animal friend we'll feature them on our website for the week!  
 Enter at BendPetExpress.com.

*Our dedicated staff really know their stuff.  
Have a question? Please ask!*

## Featured Products

### Stella & Chewies Raw Food:

Raw, naturally raised meat, organic fruits & vegetables, natural with added vitamins and minerals, healthful direct-fed microbials, flash-frozen to preserve vital nutrients, minimally processed, all ingredients USA-sourced. 1.5lb \$7.25, 3lb \$15, 6lb \$26



### Introducing: Acana Grain-free Foods!

Acana Grain-free Foods! Another great quality food from the makers of Orijen. 5.5lb bags range from \$14-\$16, 15.4lb \$33-\$36, 28.7lb \$51-\$57



### Egge Toy :

Longtime staff member Barb says her Border Collies love this toy for satisfying their herding instincts - \$24. Roll on!

## Calendar:

Puppy Party: 4/25

All for Dogs - Adoption: 5/1

4/25

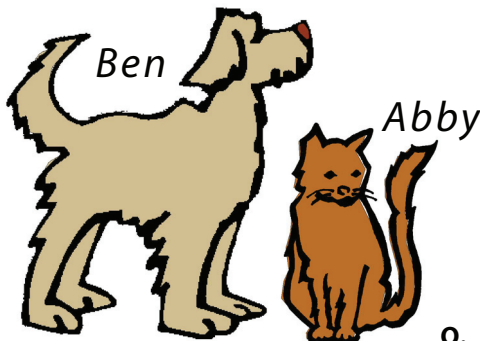
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Acana East & West 3 - 4pm

Acana West



## Dear Ben & Abby:

**an advice column for your pets**

There's nothing like getting your advice straight from the dog or cat's mouth! If you have a question for Ben or Abby, please e-mail them at [BenAbby@marketingdept.net](mailto:BenAbby@marketingdept.net), they'd be happy to respond here in the Bend Pet Express newsletter.

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- A. **Abby** – Oh my... Are you sure this isn't a case of the pot calling the kettle black? A bit of extra insulation certainly helps me soak up the warmth in my favorite sunny spots around the house. Mmmmm. Strrrrettttchhhhh. Look, if it really is an issue, I vote for re-reading the portion recommendations on the food bag or can. Gradually scale back to what is recommended for your cat's ideal size.
- A. **Ben** – Yeah, my owner uses a measuring cup marked to the proper amount. Bums me out when I'm thinkin' an extra bite or two would be nice, but it's for the best. Like Oprah says, "Eat less, move more!" I saw her on the t.v. once. She's cool.
- Q. What's the best way to get my puppy used to other dogs and people? – Bill S., Redmond
- A. **Abby** – Sniveling little mutts... get a cat! We don't care if we ever see another animal.
- A. **Ben** – See what I deal with? Once the pup is completely vaccinated, there are a variety of ways to get them up to speed socially. The folks at Bend Pet Express have this great list called a "Scavenger Hunt for Puppy Socialization". Kind of a fun way to go. Or, go to <http://www.livingwithkidsanddogs.com/socialization.html>