

# Dog Equipment

Dog equipment does not have to be expensive but needs to be functional and safe. Below are a few of my favorites. This is by no means an inclusive list. Much depends on your dog's needs and what works for your household.

**Leashes:** 4 ft., 6 ft., 20-30 ft. long line, hands free belt, European leash (double clipped)

**Collars:** Flat buckle, or Flat buckle Martingale (*I do not buy a puppy an expensive flat buckle collar at the beginning as they will grow out of it fast!* )

**Harness:** Freedom Harness- front and back clip harness or Balance Harness with front and back clip and lots of ways to adjust it to fit your dog. An inexpensive back clip harness can work for puppy until they grow a bit. I like using a harness as it takes any pressure off the dog's neck that they impose and does not trigger the oppositional reflex response.

**Crate:** Fold down wire crate- Amazon and Ebay are good sources. If the crate seems big for puppy, you can divide a larger kennel into 2 spaces so you do not end of having to buy 2 crates during their lifetime. See also [Buying Guide to Dog Crates](#).

**Xpen-** A large wire corral that is great for giving a puppy more room but not having full access to your home.

**Baby Gates:** Work well to section off and limit access to your dogs.

**Doggie Seatbelts:** A tether that is usually nylon that clips to the back of a harness and then connects into a seatbelt. It allows the dog to not be thrown around the car in the event of a quick stop. You can so crate your dog in the car.

**Food Bowls-** Slow bowl for dogs breeds that like to gobble. Stainless steel regular bowl

**Food dispensing toys:** Balls that deliver kibble from them when they roll around. I like the plastic ones, as they do not clunk on tile or wood floors.

**Chew Toys:** Kongs, rope toys, Benebones, bully sticks, Nylabones

**Bed:** Many choices. My favorite is the square "gel pad" bed from Kirkland. If you have a larger dog, it fits into a large crate. I make pillowslips for them from old sheets so I can easily change their bed for muddy or smelly pooches.

