

Basic Shopping List

Bringing Home Your New Biewer Puppy

After years of trial and error with various products, the following is what we suggest as a basic shopping list before you pick up your puppy. This is just a basic shopping list so you can enjoy your new puppy rather than running around trying to gather supplies. Please see the other pages for more detailed information on the products and sizes we recommend for Biewers! All items can be ordered from Amazon. Many are on Chewy.com too. We do not recommend buying from the large chain pet supply stores or using them as a groomer because the product quality is so poor, and staff is just not knowledgeable.

*Please note – choosing a smaller size crate / kennel will really help with potty training!

Food - **Blue Buffalo Baby Blue Puppy Food Dry – Chicken and Brown Rice Recipe**
 Small Food & Water Bowls (2)
 Water Dispenser - **Vannon** Dog Water Dispenser for Crate / Kennel
 Crate / Kennel - **MidWest Homes** single door with pan and cover 22.5"L x 13.5"W x 16"H
 Crate / Kennel Pad (sized to fit same size crate you choose)
 Playpen
 Small Dog Bed
 Potty Pads - **Glad** for Pets Black Charcoal Puppy Pads
 Waste Bags
 Baby Wipes
 Harness or Martingale Collar
 Leash
 Seatbelt, Pet Carrier or Car Seat
Espana - Shampoo, Conditioner & Detangling Spray
Eye Envy – eye & face wash
 Face Comb - **Eye Envy Tear Stain Face Comb**
 Grooming Table - **Kalolary** 24" Pet Grooming Table with Loop, 360° Rotating (tabletop)
 Nail Clippers - **Gonicc Professional Small Dog and Cat Nail Clippers**
 Trimmer - **Wahl Mini Arco**
 Brush - **Bass Hybrid Groomer Shine & Condition Pet Brush (natural bristle & alloy pin)**

For the Boys – your male puppy will come wearing one!

Belly bands are wonderful if you are traveling or wish to not pee pad train.

*** Don't forget the toys & treats!!

See the last page of the Complete Biewer Puppy Guide ☺

First Few Nights At Home

FEEDING

Offer your new puppy a meal and water when you get home and before bedtime. Detailed feeding instructions are in your new puppy folder. **Don't panic** if your little one doesn't eat for the first day or two but certainly contact us and your vet's office if it persists. The **NUTRI-CAL** in your gift bag can be used if your puppy is not eating. Honey and/or peanut butter are other alternatives. Try chicken soup broth if not drinking water. Please read and follow the information regarding Hypoglycemia also in your new puppy folder. Text us for fast response!

SLEEPING

We **HIGHLY** suggest that you keep up your puppy's kennel training. Your puppy will have already been transitioned to a kennel and sleeping on his/her own and away from littermates before coming to the new home. The first night that your new puppy sleeps on your bed with you, that's it! **The game is over!** CONGRATULATIONS! You will now have a bed partner for the rest of your dog's life. ☺ This does make traveling or having someone else dog sit more difficult, so please consider the long-term effects. Your puppy will quiet down and settle into their new home within a couple of days. We promise! If you must, try bringing the kennel into your bedroom. As they get older, you can easily flip flop their bedtime routine.

TRAINING

CONSISTENCY IS KEY!

Unfortunately, thousands of dogs end up in rescue kennels because they are not properly trained, the owner was not prepared and/or didn't make the commitment to be consistent with training. While puppy behaviors such as "*jumping up on you*" is really cute when they are puppies, this can become annoying as they grow into adults especially if you are all dressed up ready to go out somewhere or you have visitors in your home. Please follow and be consistent with the recommended training commands that your advice training book or training class suggests. Teach family members that will be around the puppy so they can follow the training work you have started. **Your puppy needs consistency, not mixed signals.**

HOME ALONE

Always contain your puppy in a safe enclosure area or kennel with access to water and a bed. This will save you the frustration of coming home to a mess or possible injuries to your puppy.

STAY STRONG and enforce your house rules with your new puppy.

BE PATIENT as your new puppy is still very young and your home is a strange new place.

***** Remember that dogs are pack animals, and you are their new "pack leader" so they will always want to be with you, love you, please you and look to you for direction. ☺**

Medical

*** **HYPOGLYCEMIA** or low blood sugar is a common problem in small breed puppies. Young puppies do not have the energy stores yet developed that adults have, allowing them to maintain an adequate blood sugar level in times of fasting or stress. Clinical signs of hypoglycemia include lethargy, muscle twitching, altered behavior, and weakness. One way to tell if your puppy is experiencing low blood sugar is to check their gums to see if they are pale white or grey. Sometimes when situations are new or stressful the first sign of low blood sugar can be refusing food. In this case, we recommend **NUTRI-CAL** which you can give a pea sized amount every 15 minutes until their gums return to a healthy pink. As an added benefit Nutri-cal acts as an appetite stimulant. We have included some in your puppy gift bag and it's great to have on hand as a food supplement when traveling.

*** **DIARRHEA** – **Kaolin Pectin** is an anti-diarrheal for dogs and is good to have if their tummy is upset. Can buy at Tractor Supply. Encourage lots of water!

Pumpkin (pure canned or powdered form NOT pie filling) is wonderful to help with digestive problems and can be added to pup's food. We also like to use **Back 40 Dogs Pumpkin Powder** sprinkle on to food.

Nature's Diet for Pets – Bone Broth Original Blend with Pumpkin, Fish Oil and Turmeric is wonderful too. Can be used as a liquid soup treat or sprinkled onto food.

Feeding

We feed dry dog food 2 meals a day for an adult and 3 for a puppy. We set ½ cup of food out for 15-20 minutes and then take it up and cover for the next meal. If they are not hungry at their regular mealtime, they will eat at the next mealtime. We never leave food out all day for the dogs to “graze.” Regular timed meals help to regulate their potty schedule. We never feed soft dog food as it is terrible for dental development and hygiene. They love to eat from a snuffle mat, and this is a great foraging activity / slow feeder. Also, they are used to having competition for food with their litter mates, so it may take time for your puppy to get use to having their meal to themselves.

Dog Food - Blue Buffalo Baby Blue Puppy Dry – Chicken and Brown Rice Recipe - A large bag will last your puppy 6 months!

Primal Freeze-Dried Nuggets RAW Chicken, Beef, Lamb, Rabbit, Pork etc.– Great for traveling and supplement with the kibble.

Water Bottle - *Always give your dog access to fresh cold water! Your puppy has already been trained to use a water bottle. **Vannon Dog Water Dispenser for Crate Leakproof Water Bottle** - Small size

Dog Food Storage Container
Small Food and Water Bowls

Foods Toxic To Dogs

- **Grapes/raisins**
- **Onions**
- **Garlic (in large amounts)**
- **Gum containing Xylitol**
- **Avocado**
- **Alcohol**
- **Macadamia nuts**
- **Chocolate (depending on type and amount)**
- **Coffee Grounds**
- **Cooked bones (splinters)**
- **Fatty foods and/or fat trimmings**
- **Raw bear/boar meat (trichinosis)**
- **Human vitamins containing iron**
- **NSAIDS (ibuprofen, Tylenol, etc.)**

Most lists contain raw meat/fish/eggs, which are instinctively natural and healthy for dogs to consume unless fed incorrectly....

They absolutely love raw meat and we regularly feed raw eggs (clean and crush the shell) and soup beef marrow bones without a problem. This is a once a day treat and it gives them something very nutritious, great chewing activity and healthy for their teeth. We give the bones outside in the summertime on the patio for about 30 minutes and then keep the bone for added calcium chewing inside. If they are not use to this raw meat as a treat, please expect a day of brief diarrhea but the puppy will adjust. If feeding raw start slowly introducing Chicken, Beef and then Lamb as these are easiest to digest. Salmonella is possible but dogs have much higher stomach acidity compared to humans so they can tolerate raw meats. Think of wild dogs like wolves and how they live. Your sweet little fur baby Biewer does have some wolfiness in their DNA.

Garlic is also generally blacklisted but has been proven to only be dangerous in very large amounts.

Cheese or Yogurt as a treat or for training is great too in moderation.

***** Bottom line if something falls on the kitchen floor and is accidentally ingested (not including medication or human vitamins) don't panic! Provide lots of water and expect diarrhea or vomiting possibly for a day. Almost anything is ok in moderation but remember that these Biewers are little dogs, and their tummy can be very sensitive to changes in diet. Call your vet's office if digestive problems persist.**

PUMPKIN (pure canned or powdered form) is wonderful to help with digestive problems (diarrhea / vomiting) and can be added to pup's food. We also like to use **Back 40 Dogs Pumpkin Powder** from Amazon and sprinkle onto food if your pup has digestive trouble after consuming the above listed foods.

Nature's Diet for Pets – Bone Broth Original Blend with Pumpkin, Fish Oil and Turmeric is wonderful too and found on Amazon. Can be used as a liquid soup treat or sprinkled onto food.

Plants Toxic to Dogs

The list of plants that are toxic to dogs is just too vast to list here so we suggest that you look up the plant on the ASPCA website at www.asPCA.org. This searchable website is an excellent resource!

Encourage lots of water and take note of symptoms and onset.

From the ASPCA website:

“Be advised that the consumption of any plant material may cause vomiting and gastrointestinal upset for dogs and cats. Plants listed as either non-toxic, or potentially toxic with mild GI upset as their symptoms are not expected to be life-threatening to your pets.”

Animal Poison Control 24-hour emergency poison hotline:

1-888-426-4435

Biewer Terriers sometimes have very sensitive stomachs and we have noted that a couple of dogs will have brief diarrhea within hours of ingesting a few leaves from our yardso don't panic.

Call your veterinarian's office. However, nighttime and weekends you might have a long wait to get a response.

Common Household Products With Harsh Chemicals

Dawn Dishwashing Liquid – degreasers save wildlife, but chemicals are too harsh for dogs!

Baby Shampoo or any other products full of chemicals and artificial fragrances.

Pepto- Bismol – try Slippery Elm instead as it's all natural with the same results.

Benadryl – not for dogs, try Quercitin “Nature's Benadryl” instead.

Pedialyte – artificial colors, flavors, chemicals and additives that dogs do not need.

Rice “as a cure for anything” – contains Arsenic and converts to high sugars.

Pet Dental Sprays and similar products – potentially lethal alcohol content and sugars.

Baby Oil / Vaseline – petroleum products

Xylitol – sugar alcohol like in chewing gum, low cal sweetener (safe for humans, toxic to dogs)

Safe Home & Travel

We use a small kennel or travel carrier for our dogs. For shorter trips we put them in the car with a seat belt attached to their martingale collar or harness.

Harness - Dog Harness and Leash Set, No-Pull Puppy Vest for Small Dogs by **Luckypaw** - XS

Collar – **Max and Neo** Stainless Steel Chain Martingale Collar - XS size. This hooks easily into a car seatbelt, carrier, car seat.

Seatbelt – **AUTOWT** Dog Seatbelt

Leashes - Can be anything attached to the martingale collar or harness. We like to use a show lead that has a kindness collar. Ring Bling website, Etsy and many other sites sell them. beadleads.com has a nice custom selection too.

Waste Bags – We actually use newspaper bags, mostly friends keep for us but you can buy the bags in any store.

Potty Pads – **Glad** for Pets Black Charcoal Puppy Pads, many different sizes available.

Small Dog Bed

Playpen - It's very helpful to have a safe area to put your pup when out of their kennel or in a large room that cannot be blocked off. **Petsfit** Portable Dog Pop Up Playpen.

Enclosure Gate System – We like to use indoors and outside **FXW Homeplus Dog Playpen**

Crate / Kennel - Dogs love to have a safe space that is just for them. At home we have kennels for each dog with a cover, so they have a “den-like” feeling. The kennel is also what we have our dogs sleep in at night or when we are not home. We leave the kennels open during the day and often the dogs like to just rest in their own little condo. The kennel should have a water bottle attached and blanket / hand towel for comfort. We use **MidWest Homes** single door with pan and cover in size 22.5"L x 13.5"W x 16"H. *Smaller crate size will help with potty training!!

Crate / Kennel Pad

***Don't forget to bring in your “ready to go bag” extra baby wipes, waste bags, grocery bags for trash, hand towels, potty pads if overnight, bottled water, food & 2 travel cups!**

****We also recommend bringing with you some **Nutri-cal** if puppy is small, poor eater or under 9 months!**

Grooming Tips

We hope that these suggestions make your life with your new pup less stressful and frustrating when you have the right tools to work with. Grooming is a pleasure and a great bonding experience with your new pup. These suggestions are based on what we found works best for us as a Biewer owner. These products are recommended after lots of trial and error, advice from other breeders, handlers, and AKC show folks who are experts in Biewer Terrier coat care. However, if you ask 10 different people, you will likely get 10 different answers on products so there's our disclaimer. Be patient with yourself and your puppy, they learn to love this time with you! At first it seems like a lot of work, but this daily grooming regime takes us all of 5 minutes including the ponytail for each long-coated dog...it just takes patience and practice! ☺

We tried to include everything ... please text us if you have questions!

****Whether you are using a groomer or grooming your dog yourself, many of these items are indispensable for a Biewer owner to have on hand.**

***** If grooming your new puppy yourself we recommend that you take your puppy to a professional groomer to do the initial haircut that you desire and then you can maintain the hairstyle as needed yourself using these recommended tools. Make sure your puppy is 2 weeks from their last series of shots and has had a Bordetella shot before going to a groomer.**

Shampoo and Conditioner: We bathe our dogs weekly.

Espana Silk Specially Formulated Silk Protein Shampoo, Conditioner, and Detangler Spray.

*Water down shampoo and conditioner, don't completely rinse conditioner out, then towel dry or blow dry and brush out. The conditioner is good for the hair and skin. *If you are growing a long coat specifically for show let us know because we use other haircare products for a show coat and a lot depends on the type of hair you are working with.

Eye Envy – tear stain face wash (put on face to soften eye debris for 5 minutes before bath). The eye debris and smell are caused by bacteria growth near the tear duct so cleaning this out using the Eye Envy face comb daily is recommended. We also dab the Eye Envy powder daily or after bath using a Q-Tip for each eye to prevent stains and bacteria growth. Some dogs seem to have more problems with the accumulation of debris than others.

Grooming Table: Amazon sells many, but we know that this tabletop grooming table works well for many pet owners. It's a less expensive alternative to many elaborate grooming set ups.

Kalolary 24" Pet Grooming Table with Loop, 360° Rotating Dog Grooming With Adjustable Height for Small Dogs.

****Always, always, alwaysuse the loop around their neck and have one hand on your pup at all times!!** They have been known to jump off the table and could potentially get severely injured.

Trimmer: **Wahl Mini Arco** Corded/Cordless Pet – detachable blade and comes with multiple plastic guides. The full-size Wahl Arco has an extra rechargeable battery and adjustable detachable blade. We use both trimmers but bought metal guides that are sold separately. Unless you want to get fancy with trims or trim for a show coat, the Mini Arco can get the job done.

Nail Clippers: **Gonicc Professional Small Dog and Cat Nail Clippers** (with nail file in handle) is much better than the smaller one made by this company listed.

Brush: **Bass Hybrid Groomer Shine & Condition Pet Brush (natural bristle & alloy pin)**
*Always use a pin brush on longer coats! Shorter hair does not require daily brushing, but it is advised to brush daily a longer coat (arm pits, neck, chin and ears especially) to prevent matting.

Comb: **Eye Envy Tear Stain Face Comb** - cleans out the eye debris and the comb can make the ponytail.

Ponytail: When your puppy is about 5 to 6 months old they usually have enough hair to make a ponytail. Comb and remake the ponytail daily to prevent matting.

Ponytail bands: Latex bands (or non-latex) 5/16 light weight (Pawmarks website)
Puppybows.com – bands, barrettes, bows and DIY supplies

Cynamed Suture Stitch Scissors with Delicate Hook – to remove rubber band. Amazon

Hair Bows: **PET SHOW 20pcs Small Dog Hair Bows with Rubber Bands** (Amazon) – these are decent quality and tend to stay in the hair better. We put over the regular rubber band. If you want real fancy show bows, we like **Rose Creek Bows** (Katrina Rose) and **Dawggie Bows** (Gisele Sullivan) both on Facebook and Etsy. *Never leave the show bows in unsupervised as they are more like hair jewelry and the pup can choke on the pieces. If your pup is new to wearing a hair bow it takes time for them to adjust and they may scratch to get the ponytail and bow off.

Dog Clothes: **Fitwarm** – this brand just seems to fit best and it's durable wash after wash.

For The Boys: Reusable Belly Bands and Pads (Amazon)

*Take off at night for sleep and clean genital area with a baby wipe. This is a God send when visiting friends or traveling with your male pup and using a pee pad is just not practical.

JoyDaog Reusable Belly Bands for Dogs, XS size

Pet Soft male dog diapers – XS size

Use with a Posie pad size 4 or 5. We sometimes cut and use just half at a time then place in the belly band. You can also use disposable or washable nursing pads.

Biewer's Favorite Treats, Toys & Puzzles

Treats and Chews:

Ziwi Peak and Vital Essentials are healthy brands for raw meat nib treats.

Bully Stick 6" put into a Bully Buddy (Bow Wow Labs Buddy Safety Device - Bully Stick Holder to prevent choking (XS and S size are good)

Chicken, Beef, Turkey Jerky (try making your own natural jerky)

Kong toys (XS and S size)

Beef Marrow Bone (raw and then we let them continue chewing bones inside once dry)

Cow Hooves (NOT stuffed, this is an ever-lasting chew)

Pig Ear / Lamb Ear / Cow Tail (plain, not smoked)

Yak Cheese Sticks / Himalayan Chews

1 Raw Chicken Egg – mixed with a fork.

We give outside in the summer on the patio:

Celery Stick with peanut butter.

Raw Beef Marrow Bone – supervised outside for 20 minutes, boil for 10 minutes then dry for inside.

Skinless Raw Chicken, Duck, or Turkey Wing, Drumstick, Neck (can eat the raw bone). Do not cook these bones!

Upset Stomach - add to food – Pure Pumpkin (pure canned or powder, not pie filling) – 1 tsp.

Try some of the following:

These activities help keep them active, prevent boredom which leads to naughty behavior and keeps them mentally challenged. You'll be truly amazed at how quickly your Biewer pup will grow and learn!

Interactive Snuffle Mats - AWOOF Pet Snuffle Mat for Dogs, Game for Boredom, Encourages Natural Foraging Skills

Games, Puzzles, Interactive Treats made by Nina Ottosson (different skill levels)

Outward Hound Nina Ottosson Dog Brick Interactive Treat Puzzle Dog Toy, Intermediate

Pet Zone IQ Treat Ball – Adjustable Dog Treat Dog Ball & Treat Dispensing Dog Toys

Nina Ottosson by Outward Hound Multi Puzzle Interactive Dog Treat Puzzle Toy, Expert Level (Yes, they actually can learn this as they get older)

Child's Pop- Up Play Tunnel

Play fetch – XS Kong Air Tennis Balls or other favorite toy.

Agility Course - Biewers are athletic too!

Try teaching them words (ex. names for their toys, games and foods). Biewers can learn and potentially have the vocabulary recognition and understanding of a 2-year-old human child, with 200+ words. We find that sometimes we must spell around the dogs to keep them from knowing what we are saying.

Please let us know if they start to talk back 😊