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## Travel tips and first days at home with your new puppy

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Bringing home a new Pomeranian puppy is an exciting milestone filled with anticipation, joy, and a few nerves. Whether you are picking up your puppy in person or arranging transportation, thoughtful preparation helps make the transition smoother for everyone. This guide covers travel tips, preparation recommendations, and advice for helping your puppy adjust during the first few days at home. With the right setup, you can start this new chapter with confidence and calm.

#### Before Pickup: Preparation Checklist

- Puppy-proof your home by removing hazards, securing cords, and clearing unsafe items from low reach.
- Designate a sleeping area with a cozy bed or crate so your puppy has a safe place to rest.
- Prepare a feeding station with bowls and the food your puppy is already used to eating.
- Stock up on supplies like a collar, leash, toys, potty pads, and grooming basics.
- Choose a veterinarian and schedule your puppy's first appointment before pickup day.
- Prepare a safe travel carrier or crate that fits your puppy securely and comfortably.
- Have cleaning supplies ready for accidents, spills, and early-house-training mishaps.
- Set aside a quiet space where your puppy can adjust without too much noise or activity.

#### Travel Tips: Picking Up Your Puppy

- Bring a secure travel carrier or crate so your puppy stays safe during the ride.
- Line the carrier with absorbent pads to help manage accidents and keep things dry.
- Pack towels and cleaning supplies in case your puppy gets carsick or has an accident.
- Avoid feeding right before travel to help reduce the risk of motion sickness.
- Bring water and a small bowl so you can offer hydration during stops.
- If possible, have someone else drive so you can comfort and monitor your puppy.
- Take breaks on long trips for rest, potty needs, and a quick check-in.
- Keep the temperature comfortable and avoid exposure to heat, cold, or drafts.

- Bring your puppy's blanket or toy from the breeder for a familiar scent and added comfort.
- Keep your puppy secure at all times and never allow loose movement in the vehicle.

## Arranged Transportation Options

Method	Considerations	Best For
Professional Pet Transport	Door-to-door service, experienced handlers, can be expensive	Long distances, busy schedules
Flight Nanny	Puppy flies in cabin with escort, personal care, moderate cost	Cross-country trips, peace of mind
Airline Cargo	Less expensive, requires health certificate, more stressful	Budget-conscious plans, healthy puppies
Breeder Delivery	Breeder brings puppy, most expensive, safest	Local or regional delivery, premium service

## First 24 Hours at Home

- Let your puppy explore slowly in a confined area so everything feels manageable.
- Offer a small amount of water immediately to help your puppy settle after travel.
- Wait 1-2 hours before the first small meal unless your breeder or vet has given different instructions.
- Introduce the potty area right away so your puppy begins learning the routine from the start.
- Keep the environment calm and quiet to reduce stress and overwhelm.
- Limit visitors and exciting interactions during the first day.
- Establish a gentle routine for feeding, potty breaks, rest, and supervised play.
- Expect some crying at night, and stay patient and reassuring as your puppy adjusts.
- Monitor for signs of stress or illness such as refusal to eat, vomiting, diarrhea, or unusual weakness.

## First Week Adjustment Tips

- Maintain a consistent feeding schedule with 3-4 meals daily for young puppies.
- Begin house training with frequent potty breaks, especially after meals, naps, and play.

- Introduce family members gradually so your puppy can adjust without feeling overwhelmed.
- Start crate training positively with short, calm sessions and rewarding experiences.
- Keep play sessions short to prevent exhaustion and overstimulation.
- Monitor eating, drinking, and bathroom habits so you notice changes quickly.
- Watch for signs of illness like lethargy, vomiting, diarrhea, or refusal to drink.
- Schedule a vet visit within the first few days to establish care and review health needs.
- Provide lots of comfort and bonding time to help your puppy feel safe and loved.

### Signs Your Puppy is Adjusting Well 🌟

A puppy that is adjusting well will usually eat and drink normally, show curiosity, and begin to play between naps. Sound sleep, normal bathroom habits, and a growing response to your voice and presence are all encouraging signs. Most puppies begin showing these positive behaviors within 3-5 days as they settle into their new routine and bond with their family.

### When to Call the Vet 🚨

- Refusing food or water for more than 12 hours is a warning sign that needs attention.
- Vomiting or diarrhea, especially with blood, should be reported right away.
- Extreme lethargy or weakness can signal illness or dehydration.
- Difficulty breathing requires immediate veterinary care.
- Seizures or tremors are emergencies and should never be ignored.
- Any concerning behavior changes should be discussed with your veterinarian.
- Trust your instincts if something feels wrong, even if the signs seem subtle.