

# Dog Care Checklist

A dog care checklist organizing daily, weekly, and monthly routines that keep a dog healthy and happy.

## Daily care

- ☐ Serve measured meals at consistent times and refresh water.
- ☐ Provide daily exercise and a walk suited to your dog's energy.
- ☐ Take regular potty breaks throughout the day.
- ☐ Spend time on play, training, and bonding.
- ☐ Pick up waste and keep eating and resting areas clean.
- ☐ Check mood, appetite, and behavior for anything unusual.

## Weekly care

- ☐ Brush your dog's coat based on its type and shedding.
- ☐ Wash bedding and clean food and water bowls thoroughly.
- ☐ Check ears, eyes, and paws for dirt or irritation.
- ☐ Practice training cues to keep skills sharp.
- ☐ Inspect collar, harness, and ID tag for wear.
- ☐ Plan longer outings or enrichment for the week.

## Monthly care

- ☐ Give parasite prevention for fleas, ticks, and worms on schedule.  
Follow your veterinarian's recommended products and timing.
- ☐ Weigh your dog and note any changes.
- ☐ Trim nails if they have grown too long.
- ☐ Review and refill any medications or supplements.
- ☐ Restock food, treats, and supplies before they run out.
- ☐ Confirm ID and microchip details are current.

## Feeding and nutrition

- ☐ Feed a quality, age-appropriate dog food in measured portions.
- ☐ Provide clean, fresh water at all times.
- ☐ Limit treats and avoid foods toxic to dogs.
- ☐ Transition any food change gradually over several days.
- ☐ Adjust portions for activity, age, and weight.
- ☐ Note loss of appetite or stomach upset for your vet.

## Grooming and hygiene

- ☐ Brush regularly to reduce mats and shedding.
- ☐ Bathe as needed with a dog-safe shampoo.
- ☐ Clean ears and check for odor or buildup.
- ☐ Brush teeth or use vet-recommended dental care.
- ☐ Keep nails trimmed to a comfortable length.
- ☐ Check skin and coat for fleas, ticks, and lumps.

## Health and wellness

- ☐ Keep up with routine wellness exams and vaccinations.
- ☐ Watch energy, appetite, weight, and bathroom habits.
- ☐ Give prescribed medications exactly as directed.
- ☐ Provide mental enrichment and avoid boredom.
- ☐ Keep emergency vet contacts handy.
- ☐ Important: This is general information, not veterinary advice. Always consult a veterinarian about your dog's health, diet, and medications.