



## Preparing Your Home

### **Here are some ways to prepare for your new arrival:**

- Prepare a safe room where the dog/puppy can be left alone.
- Remove breakable objects; ensure electrical wiring is safely covered or out of dog's reach.
- Put away shoes, belongings, papers, kids' toys, etc.
- Remove trash cans, or secure inside cabinets and put away food left on the counter.
- Move cat food and litter box out of dog's reach.
- Is your fence/gate secure? Is the ground free of sharp objects, poisonous plants?

### **We suggest buying the following supplies.**

- Food: HSWM encourages feeding a high-quality dry kibble suited to your dog's age and size. Talk with your veterinarian about dietary requirements.
- Dishes: Ceramic or stainless steel are preferred because they don't harbor bacteria like plastic does and are less likely to become chew toys.
- Bed: Your dog needs a soft, dry, clean place to lie down.
- Toys: To exercise your dog physically and mentally, choose from a wide variety of puzzle and game toys.
- Grooming Supplies: Choose appropriate tools for your dog's coat.
- Collar/Leash: A flat collar that the dog can wear safely at all times, to which you can attach his identification tags and a 4' or 6' leash. A body harness is often more suitable for small dogs.
- Enzyme based cleaner: These cleaners help with potty accidents by removing all residual odors from accident sites.