**So…..You’re Getting a New Dog. Things You Will Need…..**

After many years of setting people up with their new dogs, this is what I have learned.

First, don’t go to the pet store and spend $500 on new things. Let things evolve. As you find a need you can get things, but I guarantee you will find you need less than what you thought.

**Collar and Leash**-All Fluffy Dogs come with a collar and leash, so don’t worry about getting one at this time. Please do not use retractable leashes. They are dangerous and confusing for the dog. For the human, they are maddening as you try to lock them and the cord reels away. The best leash for play is a 30 or 50 foot leash. You can purchase them at our store in Hartland inside Tail Waggin’ Doggy Daycare.

**Bowls**-Use stainless

**Beds**-Go to Marshalls or TJ Maxx. They have the best beds for the best price.

**Toys**-A ball, a stuffed toy and a squeaky toy. That is all your dog will need in the beginning.

**Crate**-All Fluffy Dogs should be crated for yours and their safety. It does not matter if you choose wire or plastic. Do not get a mesh or nylon car carrier as a crate. Also, make sure there is enough room on all sides of the crate for your dog to be comfortable.

**Brush**-I prefer a comb. Brushes do not seem to get out the matts well.

**Food**-This is what is most important. Raw is best. We have a link to Dr. Becker’s site that will tell you the reasons why. If you do not choose this option, a high quality grain-free. Please see our Dog Food Advisor link.

**Treats**-The best is only meat. This comes in many sizes and shapes, but read the ingredients before you buy. Anything other than meat is a filler.

**Chews**-Bully sticks or animal bones. No rawhide or rawhide ground to look like a bully stick. Read the ingredients.

There are a lot of items for dogs and it is hard to see the forest through the trees. Hopefully this information will set you in the right direction.