

PETS & PEOPLE

Pet Prepping Your Home

(NAPSA)—Whether your new pet has four legs, fur or feathers, her arrival doesn't have to mean your home goes to the dogs. Try these tips for getting your house ready for its new arrival:

Pet Proofing 101

New puppies or kittens can get into all sorts of trouble, so take steps to keep their environment safe. Keep all cleaning supplies and other types of household chemicals locked up in a cabinet and keep an eye out for any small items your new pet might choke on.

Great Gates

Consider investing in a few pet or baby gates that you can use to keep your new arrival from wandering. Doing so can make it easier to housebreak and train new puppies, help protect furniture and keep young children and new pets separated.

Keep It Clean

Accidents will happen, so you may want to invest in plenty of cleaning supplies, especially a household wet/dry vac such as goClean® made by the Emerson Appliance Solutions™. It can help with dog hair, kitty litter spills, knocked-over water, food dishes and muddy paw prints on the floor.

"I'm always looking for new ways to clean up after my family and our dog, Rocky," said Emily Masini from Sarasota, Fla. "goClean is a versatile product that makes it easy to keep up with all the messes our furry friends leave behind."



Man's Second-Best Friend: A wet/dry vac may be one of your most used "pet supplies."

A Pet's Place

Your new dog or cat may appreciate a place of her own to sleep. Purchase a comfy pet bed or some soft, warm blankets and keep her food and water dishes nearby.

Stay Safe

Be sure to have a vet picked out for your pet before she comes home for the first time. Check out a few vets in the area, visit their offices and ask for references. You may want to start your search a few weeks early if you're buying an exotic pet, since some veterinarians will not work with all types of animals.

Back To Basics

Don't forget to stock up on some basic pet supplies: leashes, collars, food and water bowls. If you're bringing home a bird, be sure to pick up plenty of perches, seed and a mirror for the cage.

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