Easy Now

Ten minutes a day.
A friend for life.

New puppy checklist

Before Day 1: get ready.

Gear

- [ ] A crate (with a divider) or a small pen, set up in your bedroom for nights
- [ ] Baby gates to close off rooms
- [ ] A flat harness and a light, regular leash (not a retractable one)
- [ ] 3 to 5 chew textures: rubber, rope, an edible chew, a towel you can wet and freeze
- [ ] A stuffable rubber toy and a lick mat
- [ ] A long tug toy for every room
- [ ] Tiny soft treats, about the size of a pea
- [ ] An enzyme cleaner (not an ammonia-based one)
- [ ] A T-shirt you've worn

Puppy-proof (10 minutes, at puppy height)

- [ ] Get down on your knees and look around. Cables, shoes, socks, kids' toys: up, away or behind a gate.
- [ ] Pick one potty spot outside.
- [ ] Agree on house words. Everyone uses the same word for "go potty", and nobody uses the puppy's name to scold.

We're not vets. Anything about food, vaccines, health or pain: ask yours.