



ENGLISH CREAM MINIATURE DACHSHUNDS

CRÈME OF THE CROP DACHSHUNDS' RECOMMENDED TRAVEL SUPPLY LISTS

**WITH THESE ITEMS, YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR YOUR TRIP HOME WITH
YOUR "DREAM CRÈME" PUPPY/PUPPIES!**

CAR TRAVEL:

- Travel Pawd Crate (My favorite), Travel Crate (from our Amazon List), or a Plastic Crate
- Snuffle Mat for bedding is wonderful
- 3 Plush comfortable crate pads (Back up crate liners)
- Blanket with littermates smell
- Extra blankets in case of accidents
- High reward treats (Hide in the snuffle mat)
- Bully Sticks
- Snuggle heartbeat puppy, lamb, bear, etc. (to calm anxiety)
- Favorite toy
- Comfort toy
- Teething toys
- Kong small rubber treat toy
- Assortment of chew toys, squeaky toys, crinkle toys, and stuffed small toys (animals, etc.)
- Large washable potty pads and small ones for a play area in the cars
- Travel bed
- Treat Dispenser (We use Purina ProPlan Puppy Dry Kibble only for our treat dispensers because the Kibble is larger and doesn't fall out as fast. It's a good treat; I prefer puppy kibble as treats)

FLIGHT TRAVEL:

- Soft sided airline approved Carrier for Flight
- Disposable Potty Pads
- Hand towel

- Blanket with Littermates' smell
- High Reward Treat for Takeoff and Landing (Gerber Baby Food Chicken)
- Bully Stick
- Teething toys
- Favorite Toy
- Kong small rubber treat toy
- Comfort toy - Snuggle heartbeat puppy (only if it can fit in the carrier with the puppy with plenty of room for puppy. They do make smaller versions of the snuggle heartbeat puppy which are a good size for carriers)

PUPPY'S GO BAG: Both for Car and Flight Travel

- Hand sanitizer
- Antibacterial Wipes
- Water Wipes
- Assortment of chew toys, squeaky toys, crinkle toys, and stuffed small toys (animals, etc.)
- Extra Potty Pads (You can never have too many)
- Bottled water
- Baggie of Food - Diamond Naturals Small Breed Puppy Food (dry kibble)
- 3 jars of Gerber Baby Food chicken
- 3-4 individual Classic Loaf Cesar wet food
- A plastic spoon and fork
- 2 collapsible bowls for food and water
- Several gallon size Zip Lock bags
- Several sandwich size Zip Lock bags
- A few trash bags
- Extra hand towel
- Food puzzle
- Dyne (from our Amazon list) preferably but light Karo syrup if you don't have Dyne
- Children's Liquid Benadryl (Always keep for allergic reactions)
- 2 small plastic condiment size containers with lids to pour the Dyne and Benadryl in for FLYING due to restrictions on size/ounces
- Two 3 ml syringes
- Six 1 ml syringes
- Lean Treats

WHEN POSSIBLE PLAY CLASSICAL MUSIC

NEVER USE THE ANIMAL RELIEF STATIONS OR SET YOUR PUPPY DOWN WITHOUT A DISPOSABLE POTTY PAD, REMEMBER, THE PUPPY IS NOT FULLY IMMUNIZED!

THE CAR RIDE HOME:

- Allow time to meet and greet your puppy before leaving for your trip home! We normally spend about (2) hours.
- Have someone sit in the back seat with the puppy. A Travel crate is nice to have if it is a longer car ride.
- Plan to stop every (2) hours for your puppy to go potty. Use the pee pads placed in the back of your car on the floor. I recommend bringing (1) potty pad for every (2) hours of your driving time. DO NOT stop at gas stations, rest stops or other places frequently visited by dogs you do not know. Never put your puppy on the ground or outside of the car to potty. Also, offer puppy water and food every time you stop to potty. They should drink water every time, but food every (4) hours or so but still offer it.
- Dispose of any waste in a poop bag. Place the used pee pad in the gallon Ziplock bag or find a nearby trash bin. Use sanitizer to wash your hands and continue on your way.
- If your puppy is mouthy, use the toys to redirect any puppy biting. Help your puppy feel safe and secure as you get ready to introduce them to their new home!

FLYING IN-CABIN WITH YOUR PUPPY;

Flying in-cabin with your puppy is actually a lot easier than it seems like it would be so long as you do a couple of things with intent. We recommend our new parents ship their new carriers here to our home so your puppy can get use to its carrier before its flight.

First, feed a lighter meal a few hours before the flight. Even for our puppies flying across the country, we don't worry about reduced food quantities on the day of travel. I will give you some advice while at the airport to entice your puppy to eat, and you will have the dyne supplement to use to keep the puppy's blood sugar levels up if it refuses food. We will stay in touch during your travel home with your puppy and the first few days puppy is home about every 4 hours or immediately if needed.

However, hydration is essential, so make sure your puppy has access to water right up until the time you leave for the airport. And then a collapsible water bowl is your friend on the flight. I find that if the puppy eats well at the airport, they will also drink well because they are thirsty!

The ideal trip for us is a little whining on the way to the airport, and then a zen puppy from there. We have found that the less we “mess” with puppy during the flight (taking puppy out of carrier, checking on puppy, touching puppy) the smoother the flight goes. They seem to go into a zen state and sleep throughout the flight. It’s the craziest thing!

And yet, you have to plan for a very upset puppy or delays. Thus, the food puzzles and kibble.

And then there’s the biggie (BIGGIE!). When you get home, have a quiet, predictable, low stimuli environment waiting for the puppy: your puppy nursery! No one other the people who live in your home should be there. Let your puppy decompress at home for 3 days – this trek was a lot, and your puppy needs time to adjust. Have your confined puppy area (PUPPY NURSERY) set up so your puppy can just relax. Sit in there with your puppy to approach/retreat on puppy’s terms. Give your puppy time.

We’ve had great success sending puppies home so worry not! You will too! Please call me at any time as you are traveling day or night with any questions or advice. I’m here to help you successfully get your new puppy/puppies home with minimal stress to your puppy/puppies and you!

5 TIPS FOR FLYING:

1. Feed Puppy in Carrier: By spending a week feeding your puppy every meal in the carrier before your puppy’s flight home, your puppy will not only become familiar with the carrier but will look forward to it! Scatter games increase this fun factor, so remember the power of positive associations.
2. Puppy in Carrier: Your calm and reassuring demeanor while puppy is in the carrier will convey all sorts of positive associations, increasing puppy’s fondness for the carrier.
3. Pack essentials: We have had accident-free deliveries now for several years, but you just never know. It’s best to be prepared! So take water wipes, a fresh liner (like a little towel), a plastic grocery bag (into which you can put dirty baby wipes and the soiled liner), and portioned kibble in zip locks.
4. Let Puppy Settle: There is something about flying that is very soothing to pups. We always say that they go into a zen state. Let them! If they sleep the whole way, that’s ideal!
5. Let Puppy Decompress: Your puppy needs at least 3 days of a quiet, peaceful home in order to get back to a baseline stress level. No visitors. No field trips.

Just a quiet 3 days at home with her immediate family. It makes a world of difference!

We start scheduling our puppy pick up dates when the puppies are 7 weeks old to make sure puppy is eating and drinking well on their own. Please plan to take off work when puppy is 8 – 10 weeks of age. This is important for puppy pickups, and it's the last two weeks left of the critical socialization period. This is something that you don't want to miss, and it gives you and puppy time to bond without distractions. You will also be taking your new puppy in for their first vet appointment during this time as well. Find a wonderful vet if you don't already have one. Research for your new vet like you're researching for a pediatrician for your baby.

Please do NOT book flights without getting an okay from me first to avoid conflicts with other puppy parents. Plan to fly directly into Austin, Texas the day before and stay the night in our hotel in Franklin, Texas (two hours from the airport). You will pick your puppy up in the morning and head directly back to the airport for your direct flight home. Puppy pickups take approximately two hours at our home to go over all the information about puppy and to allow the puppy to bond with you. This is such a magical time for our new puppy parents. We want everything to go as smoothly as possible on puppy pickup day for our new puppy families and our puppy/puppies. This is such a memorable and exciting time!

Also, make sure you flights are transferable in case we have to make last minute flight changes in case the puppy isn't able to fly on the date we planned. Please check carefully with each airline to see what their puppy flying requirements are because each airline is different! Some do not fly 8 week old puppies! Research each airlines' carrier size requirements, puppy age requirements, necessary health records, etc... Plan to fly your puppy directly home without any other distractions so puppy gets all of your attention and care. Schedule an early morning pickup at our home and plan to fly directly home. You don't want to arrive home with your new puppy late in the afternoon or at night. You want to arrive home during the day because this is a new and different environment to everything puppy that your puppy is familiar (such as smells, people, home, etc.) so the puppy has time to decompress before it's time for bed. Please keep your puppy on their regular eating, napping, playtime, and bedtime schedules. Puppy needs to be on their normal routine to minimize stress for a healthy transition from our home to yours!