

Information for first-time dog owners:

Explanation of terms:

- **Flight sponsor:** A person who is flying to Germany from Shanghai anyway agrees to take dogs on this flight.
All fees will be covered and we will take care of all organisational matters in advance. There are no additional costs for him, he is only responsible for picking up the dogs after the flight and handing them over to the owners waiting at the airport.
- **Chipped:** In order to be allowed to travel abroad, a dog needs a small microchip, which is placed under the skin in the neck area. Micro means that it is very small. The procedure does not require an anaesthetic and is not very painful. This chip has a number which you will find on the health certificate. You must register this chip (free of charge) with Tasso e.V. and/or the German Pet Register, for example, so that your dog can be traced back to you if lost.
- **Proof of health:** Only dogs that have been examined by a vet and are considered healthy may leave the country.
- **Vaccinated:** Most of the animals are vaccinated according to Vanguard 8. But at least according to Vanguard 5 (European standard)
- **Titer test:** The test indicates whether the dog is sufficiently protected against rabies by vaccination.
- **Spot-on:** The dog is protected against ticks and arachnids. This protection lasts for approx. 4 weeks.

The official - important to-dos after getting a dog:

- Register your dog at the town hall -> dog tax (compulsory)
- Taking out dog liability insurance (compulsory)
- Have an EU passport issued by the vet (the Chinese passport is not valid in the EU)
- Taking out dog health insurance and/or surgery insurance (optional)

Basic equipment:

There are a few useful things that you can organise and prepare in advance. We would like to offer you a little help here in the form of a checklist, which you can of course customise and add to or shorten.

- Dog bed/pillow/basket. The first nest should not be too expensive - you will probably buy several more until you have found out what your dog prefers (dog cushion, cuddly cave, box, blanket on sofa, etc.).
- Dog blankets (for placing under sofas, car seats, etc.)
- Food bowls in the right size for each dog's nose. Bowls with a rubber rim prevent slipping.
- A lead line (approx. 2m) and a drag line (approx. 10m - please note: ONLY attach the drag line to the harness, never to the collar!)
- Old towels (for drying off after bathing or walking in the rain etc.)
- A tick collar or an appropriate means of protection
- A transport lock for the car (required by law)
- Poop bags (tip: there are clever little bags for poop bags that you can attach to the lead)
- Toys: There are no limits to the variety of toys, a good tip is a Kong, a plastic toy that has a hollow in which you can put something tasty. This will keep your four-legged friend occupied for a good while.
Squeaky toys are unfavourable, watch youtube videos from various dog trainers.
Different chew toys are always good, make sure they are appropriate for the size of your dog's mouth.
- Stuffed animals (without button eyes or other parts that can be chewed off or swallowed) and and and and!
Have fun with the variations!
- Treat bags: There is a large selection of treat bags on the market so that you always have a treat to hand.
- A dog coat is recommended for small dogs in winter, as they cool down quickly due to their size.
- Foldable travel bowls are a real recommendation for travelling
- For inspiration, a visit to the pet shop is highly recommended. With a warning about the lurking temptations ;-)

Other

- Find out if there are any plants in your garden that could be poisonous to the dog and keep an eye on them if you don't want to/can't remove them
- Enclose your garden if possible
- Once the dog has settled in with you, a visit to a dog school after a few weeks or months is recommended for both dog and human.
- Even after the dog has moved in with you, we look forward to hearing how he is doing and will be happy to offer you our advice should you ever need it.

We wish you a happy new life with your Shanghai Paws!