

Some good products for training:

Collars and leads...Just my opinion. I never use a flexi. When I am riding a horse I expect them to keep head forward and not go off the side of the path and graze. When I am with my dog, he/she is to be at my right side, loose lead, walking forward. Flexis allow dogs to drift off to the side, and lose focus on you, the master. I believe you should always be in training mode with a dog, whether walking or feeding, or just hanging around. I believe it is good to create a disciplined environment. Of course there is formal training. But then all other time is informal training, or the obedience sphere.

1. Collars: By far the best are Herm Sprenger Fur Saver Stainless Steel Choke Chain Collars. The 4mm are stronger and though a little more are worth the price. They last forever and you can leave them on all day. Doesn't discolor fur, and doesn't pull out the hair. You can still give a strong leash correction. You can get them at: <http://www.allk-9.com/>
2. Leashes: I really like the 4 foot amish leads with brass fitting. I would go with 5/8 inch, 4 foot.
3. Balls: I really like the hard ball on the rope. Get two so that you can play two ball. Throw one out, and when they return the one and drop it at your feet, immediately throw the other. You can get good distance with very little effort with the rope. I would go with 2.5inch diameter, 7.5 inch circumference. You can get these at: <http://www.allk-9.com/>
4. Good training reward: Bite suit tug, 1.5 x 8 inch. <http://www.allk-9.com/>
5. Good drive builder: tie a bit suit tug to about 30inches of curtain cord and tie to a piece of 1.5 inch x 24 inch PVC. Use is to "tease" your dog, build drive, and start on proper bite .
6. Grooming: You need a rake, a shedding blade and a slicker. Start with the rake, then the shedding blade and then the slicker.
7. Best ear glue: Tear Mender Glue for ears: http://www.amazon.com/Tear-Mender-Ear-Glue--Misc/dp/B001SBE68C/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1344304449&sr=8-1&keywords=tear+mender+glue%2C+dog
8. A great way to keep flies off of your dogs ears: Patchouli oil. Smells good too.