

# Puppy Care Sheet

Congratulations on your new Fur baby! You have brought home a new puppy! Now what?

Set up an appointment with your veterinarian to get established for care.

**Vaccinations:** It is the responsibility of the buyer to follow through with the remaining puppy vaccinations. The minimum recommendation is three puppy vaccinations in 4-week intervals. Please see vet records for schedule. Please keep the puppy out of public areas until he has been fully vaccinated, typically after 16 weeks. Public areas, such as sidewalks and parks, can have Parvo on the ground, it is highly contagious and can even be brought in on your shoes. If a puppy walks through it and licks his feet or if he sniffs an area that has it and licks, he will get very ill if not fully protected by the vaccination series. Please do not take him to pet stores either until completely vaccinated.

**Food:** Your puppy has been eating Purina Pro Plan Puppy Lamb and Rice Formula. A small bag of kibble has been provided for you to change your puppy to whatever food you decide to feed. Please gradually switch your puppy over to the new food mixed with old to avoid intestinal upset. Buyer agrees to feed a quality food with an animal protein as the first ingredient. Grain free food has had some concerns and the FDA has issued a warning. Please do not feed grain free. WSU Veterinarians have advised us against feeding grain free.

**House training:** Seller recommends crate or exercise pen training as an aid in housebreaking. They are a great tool to put your puppy somewhere when you are not able to keep an eye on it. It's a great place to feed your puppy and to leave it when you are not home or sleeping. Puppies do best when they go outside immediately from their crate. They need walked frequently. I have provided you a bag with pine pellets that were used in their litter tray. Past buyers have had success placing a pile of these in the yard where you want the puppy to go potty, the smell reminds them of where they were going while with us. They also have had lots of outdoor play time. Its best if you take food and water away a few hours before bed to assist them in being able to go overnight without needing to go to the bathroom. When puppies have full run of a home from day one, it becomes habit to go potty in an area and that habit can be hard to break. When puppy has accidents and you see it, immediately correct them verbally and take them outside. When they go outside praise them immediately after they go to the bathroom. I do not recommend treats, as when they are inside, they will potty to get treats. Consistency is key! Walk them immediately after they eat. Do not let them free eat until they are older and housebroke. Feed your puppy twice a day and offer water 3 to 4 times a day.

**Nighttime:** Your puppy will probably cry in its crate the first few nights and it can be very hard to listen and leave them. If you plan on having your new fur baby sleep in bed with you

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eventually, a soft sided carrier is recommended as a puppy. You can put them in it at night, and let them sleep on your bed where they can smell you and feel you nearby, they typically catch on to this idea quickly and do not cry. They may whine for a few minutes but typically settle down. I recommend a chew toy, not a chew food that will fill them up. You can get flavored chew toys or use a Chew Hoof, as they are very hard and great for puppy teeth in the crate/carrier. If your puppy will be crate trained for at night, you may want to put the crate in your room at night and maybe have an exercise pen in the main part of the house. You will need to figure out what works best for your home. Also, before bed, have your puppy play hard and burn off that energy, it will help them settle down for the night if they are tired.

Parasites: Make yourself aware and familiar with external parasites and internal. Fleas, Mites, Worms, Micro Organisms are everywhere. Puppies get into everything! So be aware of where your puppy goes and what they get into. Your vet can talk to you about a deworming schedule. All dogs get worms. So, a regular deworming schedule is a good idea. Revolution is a great product that deworms but also controls mites and fleas, discuss with your veterinarian, it requires a prescription, but can be ordered online.

We are available for any questions or concerns you may have.

