Bringing Home Puppy

FAQ’s

-What size crate should we buy?

36-42 inches I like the single door wire crates. You can put a divider in the crate when the pup is small and then take it out when they need more room.

Its best to have the crate be just big enough for the pup to lay down and turn around. Too much room and he can potty in one corner and sleep in the other.

- Should he have any toys/blankets in his crate?

Yes a blanket and a floppy stuff animal is great.

- Do you recommend we use pee pee pads?

We've heard this could make the dog think that it's ok to go to the bathroom inside, and that you should just train without pee pee pads so he learns from an early age he has to go outside.

You are correct. Its best to start a habit of having the puppy go potty outside in a designated area. Also, don't let the puppy have the whole house to roam. Set limits on where he is allowed. When you cannot be with him, put him in his crate or in a pen. If you have to leave him for more than 2-3 hours then potty pads inside a pen would be perfect. He is trained to go on those right now. Pups when they are awake need to be taken to the bathroom every hour. If they are asleep they can hold it for up to 3 hours. Pups go to the bathroom right after they wake up, once they get moving around and after they eat.

-What do you recommend in terms of training? Puppy kindergarten? Private trainer? Train him ourselves?

We definitely recommend a basic and advanced obedience course. Well trained dogs are happier dogs and they love to learn and are so eager to please. Also along these lines, SOCIALIZE your puppy to all types of people. Your pup will come to you with a huge love of people of all ages. When you bring puppy home take him with you and let him experience the outside world. Just one warning, don't let him walk on public grass or be exposed to dogs that haven't been fully immunized. After your pup is 16 weeks old and has had his 3rd series of shot he will be fully immunized and ready to take on the outside world, public parks, etc.

-Where should we put his crate the first few nights when he's adjusting to our house? Should it be in the room where we're sleeping?

You might not get the best sleep if he's in your room. Maybe the first few nights put him in a bathroom or adjacent room?

-How soon after we get him do we have to take him to the vet for the first time?

We recommend taking him to the vet within the first 72 hours as a healthy pup check up, introduce your pup, tell the vet he has already received the 1st set of shots and schedule your 11 and 15 week shots.

-How many times should he be bathed per week?

As a puppy we bathe them once a week because they get pretty messy when they are eating together. We do give them sponge baths quite often in between. We recommend bathing him as needed.

-How often should he be fed? Will you be giving us recommendations of food to buy?

The puppies are eating Life’s Abundance Puppy food. At eight weeks they will be eating 3-4x/day 7am, 12pm, 5pm. Each feeding they eat about 1/4 +/-cup. He is growing leaps and bounds the first few months so gauge his portion size accordingly. If your puppy has a upset stomach you can give him a probiotic and canned pure pumpkin.

-What shots does he come with and what do we need to get?

We will give him his first set of shots at 7 weeks.

The 1st series of shots at 7 weeks are:

Canine Spectra 5: distemper, parainfluenza, parvovirus, adenovirus

He/she will need to go at 11 & 15 weeks to get 2nd and 3rd series immunizations.

After their 3rd round of shots your pup will be fully immunized and free to go to dog parks and visit public grounds.

WE ALSO RECOMMEND:

No long walks more than 1.5 miles/day the first year.

No climbing stairs daily or jumping off of furniture.

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