



Puppy After Care

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If this is the first time you bought a puppy or it has been a long time since you had a puppy – we are here to help. This puppy after care info sheet will share some of the information you should know and what to expect in the next little while. We have constructed a website to provide our clients with LOTS of helpful tips, tricks and information to assist you in raising your puppy: www.curiouspuppies.com. Please send us an update or picture every now and then of your puppy!!

PUPPY FEEDING SCHEDULE

Smaller breeds:

1/4 - 1/2 cup dry puppy food 2 to 4 times a day. Smaller breeds usually eat small amounts during the day. The amount will vary as they adjust to your schedule and their new home. Don't be alarmed if you find that your puppy isn't eating for the first 24 hours, this is from our experience fairly common. If concerned, soak a bit of puppy food in water for 2 hours till it is soft and try feeding your puppy. What always seems to work is a bit of wet Cesar puppy food. Once your puppy is eating again, mix some dry food with the Cesar. At the next meal back to dry only.

When potty training, remove food after a time (apprx. 20 minutes)

**Water should be available at all times, especially in the heat.



Medium to larger breeds:

1 cup dry food at breakfast and dinner. The amount will vary as they adjust to your schedule and their new home. When potty training, remove food after a time (apprx. 20 minutes)

**Water should be available at all times, especially in the heat.

TYPES OF FOODS



When choosing your new puppy food, we recommend talking to your vet. Better quality, such as premium brands, have better digestibility, which translates to less waste. They will need to eat less and be fuller longer. Dry food will help with your puppy's need to chew, as well as help control plaque. Please avoid giving table scraps or people food as this is not healthy for your new family member.

*Please note: We feed our puppies [Royal Canin](http://www.royalcanin.com) puppy food, recommended by vets, breeders and nutritionists.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE FIRST FEW DAYS

Your puppy may experience some stress and behave differently than what you remembered in our home. The first few nights he may cry in the night when left alone. The best thing to do is to ignore the puppy and leave him alone. When left in a crate nothing can happen to him. During the day he will very likely have some accidents in the house (buy paper towels!) Have patience training your puppy, do not punish him, and use positive redirection to train him. There is a wealth of information on the Internet about puppy training.

POTTY TRAINING

The training will go a lot quicker when you establish a routine for the puppy from the beginning. Take the puppy either outdoors or to a puppy pad immediately after they awake or come out of their crate. Allow them some time to go. After each feeding take the puppy to your desired location. Remember to give them time to get used to this. Puppies usually will eliminate within 20 minutes after a meal. Before bedtime or crating, remember to take the puppy to their pad or outdoors. If using the outdoors, try adding a bell, or something similar, to your door that the puppy can use to alert you to his needs. Again establish a routine, the stricter you are to that routine, the faster your puppy will be trained. If your puppy has an accident please do not rub their nose in it, as they do not understand your gesture, as many may believe. Please have patience with your puppy. Tip: To speed up the training process only use the front or back door (pick one) when letting the puppy out. Once he understands the routine, he will simply sit in front of that door to let you know he is ready to go out.

TEETHING

Every puppy will go through a teething stage, which means for a few weeks they will bite and chew on every thing that will make the uncomfortable feeling in their mouth go away. The best thing to get through this stage is to provide your puppy with lots of different chew toys. Soft toys and blankets will feel good on their gums, other times they love to chew on something hard like a rope or a squeaky toy. Dollar stores actually offer a wide variety of puppy toys.

BATHING

The skin of a puppy is different than our skin. That is the reason why you shouldn't bathe your puppy too often. Usually ONCE A MONTH is enough. If you bathe your puppy too often its skin may dry out. We recommend you use either puppy/dog shampoo or tear free baby shampoo. Try to keep the inside of the ears dry as well as its face (eyes/nose/mouth). If your puppy gets wet/dirty due to wet weather you don't necessarily have to bathe them. Towel dry your pup first, especially the paws and if you have a crate or use a laundry room, you can put them there for a bit till they are dry. Brush them up a bit afterwards to get the sand of the paws. In the winter months check between their paws/toes for salt residue.

BRUSHING & GROOMING

A lot of puppies and dogs need to be brushed. If your puppy requires brushing; get a good brush! There are various brushes for each type of hair or fur. Bring your puppy to a pet store and they will tell you what type of brush to use. We recommend you brush your puppy every day. That way you don't have to spend so much time on brushing and it will keep a lot of hair off the floor. Even "non-shedding" and hypo-allergenic puppies could lose some hair. People are "non-shedding", but still lose some hair too.

Some pups need grooming. How often you groom your puppy will depend on the look you prefer. The average puppy that needs grooming usually gets groomed about 3 to 4 times a year. Some people groom their own puppy; others find a local grooming service.

PARASITES, WORMS, FLEAS, TICKS, MITES...

Even in the best of conditions, most puppies will have intestinal parasites. That is why all our puppies have had two different dewormers. Many new puppy owners frequently panic if their puppy has any of the above critters. Please understand that your puppy can pick up any of them by just walking once around the block. It is possible that your puppy came with parasites when you bought it from us, if this is the case we apologize for the inconvenience. ***HOWEVER! It is impossible for us to prevent every possible kind of parasite, worm or other critter to crawl on or in your puppy.*** We do everything in our power to prevent any of the critters, but cannot guarantee them to be totally free of them. Therefore we encourage every new owner to bring a stool sample from your puppy to their vet and have it checked for parasites and worms. Most treatments are between \$10-\$30 depending on your vet and critter and will be the new owner's responsibility. A 3-month supply of a flea treatment for example can be bought for approx. \$11 at Zellers or Canadian Tire. As the years go by you will notice that every year your puppy will require a parasite treatment and dewormer.

SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER

Most cities require dogs to be registered by 4 months of age, but may vary. Please check out your city licensing information for exact ages. You may be able to register your dog at various pet stores, as well as online.

Choose your vet carefully. Vet costs will vary depending on your location. Ask other family members or friends about their vets, call around, and do your research. A quality vet does not need to cost you a fortune! ***Your first vet visit: bring a stool sample from your puppy to your vet.***

Your puppy's next vaccination will generally be due about 4 weeks after the last one on the record.

****There are 3 needles due before you puppy is fully vaccinated. Please keep your puppy off public grass and park areas until they are fully vaccinated! This is extremely important for young puppies. Once they are fully vaccinated, they will have booster shots due once a year. Please contact your vet for full details.**

Once your puppy is fully vaccinated expose your puppy to all kinds of different situations like public parks, people, other dogs, cats, horses, people in wheelchairs city life, busses, cars, water, etc. This will help your pup to "understand the world" and become a well-behaved dog.

Check out our website for some more info and tips: www.curiouspuppies.com

PUPPY STARTER CHECKLIST

- Food/water dishes
- Puppy Food (ask your vet what is recommended)
- Leash and Collar
- Blanket and/or Puppy Pillow (optional)
- Various chew toys such as ropes, soft safe plush, plastic dog toys, etc.
- Crate (optional, but definitely recommended)
- Puppy Pee Pads (if you want your puppy to end up eliminating outside, do not use pee pads)
- Paper Towels (for accidents)
- Puppy-proof wires, stairs with baby gates, anything valuable etc.



Please email us updates and pictures; we love to hear from you and your puppy!!!

We have lots of information on our website to help you: www.curiouspuppies.com