

## **Congratulations on the purchase of your new PUPPY from Passion for Pets**

With the right care and attention you can expect to enjoy many happy and rewarding years together with your new family member.

In order to help you through this early stage, we have prepared the following information. The information below is by no means all you will need to now about your new family member.

### **INITIAL PURCHASES FOR YOUR NEW PUP**

When you first make the decision to take a new puppy home you will be very excited and emotional. This is great, however it is important to remember that you have also agreed to become this animal's new parents and that means you will need to provide for your new pet.

Below is a short list of products you may wish to consider as you take your pup home. We have put together this list after many years' experience in providing puppies for new homes.

Most of the items you see on this list you will require almost as soon as you get home. Because you will more than likely require these products immediately, your Passion for Pets staff member will run through them with you prior to you leaving the store. If you have any questions regarding these products, please do not hesitate to ask. This procedure is done so as you get off to the best possible start with your new family member. You may like to use this list as a checklist for your new pet!

### **ITEMS TO CONSIDER:**

1. Drontal Allwormer
2. Pro Heart heartworm tablets
3. A stainless steel feeding dish
4. A ceramic water bowl
5. Advantage flea treatment
6. A rope bone
7. No more puddles
8. House breaker drops
9. Supa sorb
10. A Nylabone or Gummabone
11. Some squeaky toys
12. A slicker brush
13. A bed
14. A lead and collar
15. Shampoo



## FEEDING

As your new pup is still growing and developing, it is important that it is fed correctly to provide it with all of the nutritional requirements it will need to grow into a happy and healthy dog. This is why all growing pups should only be fed foods that are "complete and balanced" as these foods are designed to supply the animal all of its nutritional requirements.

It is also essential that you do not change the pups diet for at least the first 6 weeks of its new life with you. Changing a pups diet quickly or frequently can lead to stomach upsets and diarrhea.

Generally, puppies aged between 6 - 12 weeks should be fed three small meals a day.

Recommended feeding for your pup is as follows:

**Breakfast:** \_\_\_\_\_ tablespoons of Advance Puppy Wet Food, combined with \_\_\_\_\_ grams of Advance puppy pellets.

**Lunch:** \_\_\_\_\_ grams of Advance puppy pellets.

**Dinner:** \_\_\_\_\_ tablespoons of Advance Puppy Wet Food, combined with \_\_\_\_\_ grams of Advance puppy pellets.

We recommend you use a stainless steel bowl for the pup's food, as they are easy to clean and keep hygienic. They are also hard wearing and can withstand the rigors of a young animal.

Always ensure your puppy has fresh water available at all times. We recommend you use a ceramic bowl for water to keep it cool prevent the puppy from knocking it over.



NEVER feed your puppy milk or milk products. Most puppies are lactose intolerant and these products can make them ill.

## WORMING

### INTESTINAL WORMS

Most pups carry intestinal worms that have been transmitted from the mother when the pup was very young. As intestinal worms are only killed during certain stages of their life, it is important that you follow the worming program as described on the product. This may involve several doses over a period of weeks then months. Intestinal worms can also be transmitted from pups to humans, particularly children so it essential that the worming program is followed completely.

All pups sold from Passion for Pets have had at least one round of worming treatment however due to the life cycle of intestinal worms it is possible for the pup to still be carrying worms.

As a guide, puppies should be wormed for intestinal worms every 2 weeks until 12 weeks old, then every month until 6 months, then every 3 months for the rest of their life. We recommend you use Drontal Allwormer as this product kills all forms of intestinal worms in one tablet.



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Your pup has been wormed on \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ with Drontal Allwormer. It's next dose is due on \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_.

### **HEART WORM**

Heartworm is also an important issue for puppies. The disease is transferred via mosquitoes, so it is wise to start a prevention program from an early age. We recommend that you commence a heartworm prevention program while the pup is less than six months of age as you may avoid the need for a blood test. Heartworm tablets or syrup can be administered on a daily or monthly basis to your pup. We recommend Revolution or Pro heart however you should always seek advice from a Passion for Pets staff member or a vet before administering this program.

### **VACCINATIONS**

Vaccination programs are important to the good health of your puppy and assist to develop the immune system.

Vaccinations help to guard against Distemper, Parvovirus, Hepatitis and canine Cough. Note that your puppy's immune system will not be fully developed until two weeks after the vaccination so don't allow your puppy to leave your home, backyard or come into contact with unvaccinated dogs until two weeks after its 12 - 14 week vaccination.

All pups sold at Passion for Pets have had their first round of vaccinations and a card will be given to you showing you what has been given to your new pet and when.

Please take this card along to your vet and continue the course of vaccinations. Ask your Passion for Pets staff member when your puppy's next vaccination is due.

### **TOILET TRAINING**

Designate a spot for your puppy to use as the toilet and make the puppy aware of that spot by plenty of positive reinforcement. When your puppy uses the correct spot it is important to reward them with a treat to reinforce their good behavior. Products, such as No More Puddles pads, are available to assist your puppy with toilet training habits. We also recommend House Breaker Drops and Supa Sorb to cleanup after those little accidents!

### **FLEA CONTROL**

Fleas can be a problem for your puppy and your home if not kept under control. They can make life uncomfortable for your puppy, making them itchy and causing skin allergies. When your puppy has fleas it also means fleas exist in the environment (your home, puppy's bedding etc).

A number of products are available to keep fleas at bay and it is recommended that you use a combination of these products to provide effective flea control.



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Your friendly Passion for Pets staff member can advise you on the best products to suit your needs such as flea rinses, flea sprays, flea collars, flea bombs and flea combs. There are also "once a month" style product such as Revolution, Advantage or Frontline. Ask your Passion for Pets staff member which products best suit your pet.

### **TOYS**

Human toys are often not the best for pups as they can be made out of the wrong materials, have pieces which can come loose easily or may not be colour fast. Ensure you have a range of puppy specific toys available to amuse your puppy and assist in the development of clean, strong teeth. We recommend Rope bones and Nylabones. Puppies may also not be able to differentiate between old and new, so please do not give your pup and old human shoe unless you are prepared that this could end up being mistaken for your brand new shoes! Toys can prevent your puppy from chewing other important objects such as the furniture! Ask your Passion for Pets staff member for advice.



### **GROOMING**

It is important that all pups, no matter what hair type, get use to the habit of being groomed from a young age. Your Passion for Pets staff member will show you the correct grooming equipment for your pup's hair type.

### **BEDDING**

It is important that the pup has a warm dry place to sleep that is free from drafts. It is also important that the pup has a bed that it knows is it's own and can access when it needs quiet times to sleep. Your Passion for Pets staff member can advise you on a bed that is suitable to you pup.

### **EXERCISE**

A puppy provides great motivation to exercise. Get your puppy used to a lead and collar within the first few days of arriving home. Practice walking your puppy around the backyard so it becomes accustomed to this activity. To ensure the collar is a comfortable fit, you should be able to insert two fingers under the collar. Obtain a nametag as soon as possible listing the puppy's name, address and phone number in case he/she is lost.



### **REGISTRATION**

All dogs and puppies must be registered with your local council. Some council's require puppies to be registered at three months of age so it is important for you to contact your local council for information on when to register your puppy.



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### **MICROCHIPPING**

This is a simple, painless procedure carried out by a veterinarian. At the time of microchipping your vet will fill out a registration form with all of your contact details and your pups microchip number to be sent off to a database. Microchips are used to identify your pup in the event that it should become lost. Shelters, pounds and vets check all lost animals for a microchip by using a hand scanner. If the animal has a microchip the number will be read and checked against the database for your contact details. It is important to remember that if you change your contact details, that you contact the database Company and amend your details.

### **DESEXING**

Please consider desexing your pet. Most dogs are desexed at around six months of age. Please contact your veterinarian for further details.

### **CONTACT US**

Passion for Pets wishes you all the best of luck with your new family member. We hope that you get many years of love and enjoyment from your pup.

We love to hear how they are going so please do not hesitate to bring your pup back to the store to visit as often as you can.

All Passion for Pets stores have a photo wall. We would love to have a photo of your new pup to add to our collection and it also gives us a chance to catch up and hear how it is settling in.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions at all.



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## MY HEALTH HISTORY AT A GLANCE

Breed:

D.O.B

Sex:

Colour:

Arrival Date:

Purchase Date:

Store:

### WEIGHT

Date

Weight

### WORMING

Date

Next Dose Due

Product Used

### VACCINATIONS

Please refer to the vaccination card for this information.

### DIET

Premium grade dry food mixed with a premium grade wet food and fresh drinking water only. Please see the feeding section in the Puppy Care Sheet, for the brand and recommended amounts.

### COMMENTS

Date

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