



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 Puppy Care Sheet. The information below is by no means all you will need to now about your new family member, and we highly recommend seeking information from Books, Vets and other sources to learn as much as you can about caring for your new pet.

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 animals 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 you get off to the best possible start with your new family member!

ITEMS YOU WILL NEED:

1. Puppy's complete foods – Earthborn Holistic puppy food & Prime fresh Roll
2. Flea treatment
3. All wormer
4. Heart worming treatment
5. A stainless steel feeding dish
6. A ceramic water bowl
7. A suitable comfy bed
8. A lead and collar
9. Training pads
10. House breaking aids
11. A teething bone
12. A play rope bone
13. Some squeaky toys
14. A soft comfy toy for bedtime
15. Grooming tools
16. Suitable shampoo
17. A coat for wet weather
18. A kennel to keep dry
19. A selection of yummy treats

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 puppy's diet for at least the **first 6 weeks** of its new life with you. Changing a puppy's diet quickly or frequently can lead to stomach upsets and diarrhoea and then other health issues such as dehydration. 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 "Prime" Fresh Food, combined with
_____ grams of "Earthborn" Holistic puppy pellets.

Lunch: _____ grams of "Earthborn" Holistic puppy pellets.

Dinner: _____ tablespoons of "Prime" Fresh Food, combined with
_____ grams of "Earthborn" Holistic 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 and prevent the puppy from knocking it over. **NEVER feed your puppy cow's milk or milk products.** Most puppies are lactose intolerant and these products can make them ill and cause diarrhoea. Lactose free Puppy milk products are available, just ask a staff member.

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 is 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 All wormer as this product kills all forms of intestinal worms in one tablet. Your pup has been wormed in store with Drontal All wormer and is wormed weekly while with us. Its next dose can be given when you get home and then in 2 weeks.

Please note: You can't over worm your dogs, so if in doubt, re-worm your pup!!!

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 Sentinel Spectrum, 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, Parainfluenza and Canine Cough. Note that your puppy's immune system will not be fully developed until two weeks after the 2nd C5 vaccination so don't allow your puppy to leave your home, backyard or come into contact with unvaccinated dogs until two weeks after its final 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. This card is a guide.

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 Dogit Toilet Training Pads, are available to assist your puppy with toilet training habits. We also recommend Skip to My Loo for Toilet Training and Liquid Ate to clean up after those little accidents!

FLEA CONTROL

Our puppies are flea rinsed on arrival to our store, however this does not guarantee it does not have fleas. 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 may 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 when you take puppy home to provide effective flea control. 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 bombs and flea combs. There are also "once a month" style products such as Revolution, Advantage, Sentinel Spectrum or Frontline. Ask your Passion for Pets staff member which product best suits 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 an 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 used 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 its 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 (12 weeks) of age so it is important for you to contact your local council for information on when to register your puppy.

MICROCHIPPING

This is a simple procedure carried out prior to you purchasing your puppy. At the time of purchase, you will be asked to fill out a Microchip Change of Ownership form with all of your contact details and your pup's 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. Once we mail off the registration form on your behalf, please allow 12-16 weeks for final transfer, until then, if puppy becomes lost and we are contacted, rest assured, we will contact you with the details so you can be reunited with your puppy as soon as possible.

DE-SEXING

Please consider de-sexing your pet. Most dogs are de-sexed at around six months of age. Please contact passion for pets when you are ready to de-sex your dog and we can help you with advice and recommended services.

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

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What do I do if My Puppy is not eating? Well, let's talk about that:

A puppy not eating can cause serious stress. This article will help you understand what's going on. Don't worry!

Anyone who has ever owned a puppy knows it is a very exciting time when you first bring them home. If this is your first pup, you may be a little anxious about this major moment in your life.

Owning and caring for a puppy is a huge responsibility, and if you have never raised a puppy before lots of questions arise along the way. It is very important for puppies to eat regularly as they have a very limited reserve. But what if your puppy is not eating? It's pretty normal for puppies to go off their food for a day when they move to a new environment. Puppies may experience separation anxiety the first few days away from their litter mates and mother. Make sure you provide your pup with a safe non stressful environment to eat in. Give your pup food at the same time each day, leave it for 10 minutes, and then remove it if he/she doesn't eat it. Then offer it again at their next meal time. **Secret Tip:** The Puppy will learn that if they don't eat when it's offered, then they won't have the chance to eat again until their next mealtime. Another reason a puppy may not be eating is that they are teething. Sometimes your pup may eat and other times they won't touch their food. This is fairly common during the teething period. There are many things you can do to help their sore gums. Try adding warm water to the hard food to soften it. Offer ice cubes, frozen water-soaked washcloths or frozen water-soaked rope toys. **Secret Tip:** Provide your pup with lots of good quality chew toys such as Nyla-bones. **Warning:** Don't be tempted to bribe a puppy who is not eating by giving them table food or excessive treats. Puppies and dogs enjoy food that is not their everyday food and this will only worsen the problem. In addition, you will not be providing your puppy with a complete and balanced diet. **Young puppies have minimal fat reserves and immature livers. They can develop hypoglycaemia if they don't eat, and this can be life threatening.**

If your puppy is unusually lethargic and is not interested in playing, he could be developing hypoglycaemia. Smear some honey or corn syrup in his mouth, wait 10 minutes, and offer some canned food or a jar of baby food. It's important to get him to eat. Call Passion for Pets on 0409 145 378 or 0419 002 411 or consult one of our approved veterinarians if your puppy seems ill or anytime they are not eating for a longer period of time (more than 12 hours).

Add warm water to dry puppy food about 20 minutes before feeding time. Let the puppy food absorb the water; add more water as needed to make an oatmeal-like consistency. Use a fork to break up the kibble. Pour off excess water as a puppy can choke on the liquid. Gradually add less liquid to the food as the puppy's teeth come in. Crunching on the harder kibble will help their new teeth.

STILL NOT EATING? THIS OFTEN WORKS - Try feeding your dog cooked chicken breast You can buy a hot roast chicken from your supermarket deli, (if your puppy has diarrhoea, mix the chicken with steamed rice). If this does not work, contact Passion for Pets immediately on 0409 145 378 or 0419 002 411 or contact one of our vets. **DO NOT give your puppy ANY human grade milk – it will cause diarrhoea and is unnecessary.**

Is your Puppy Coughing or making funny throat noises?

We unfortunately have an epidemic of kennel cough in the community at the moment and have prepared this document to help you in the unlikely event that your puppy may develop symptoms.

Please read this document so you understand what it is and what to do.....

The condition commonly known as "Kennel Cough or K9 Cough" it is one of the most prevalent infectious diseases that dogs can contract. The disease is not serious in most cases, however, and often resolves itself after one to two weeks. The accepted medical term for kennel cough is tracheobronchitis, indicating a form of bronchitis that affects the dog's trachea. It is equivalent to the human cold with a sore throat. Kennel cough can be caused by several airborne bacteria and viruses. It is generally accepted that most cases of kennel cough are caused by the bacteria *Bordetella bronchiseptica*. The disease is highly contagious & spreads quickly through places where numbers of dogs can be found however it should not be assumed that these are the only places dogs can become infected, due to the highly contagious nature of the disease, transmission can be quite easily passed from one dog to another. Kennel Cough is not something that is restricted to kennels, it is an airborne virus so your dog can pick it up anywhere; on its daily walk, public parks, vet visits, puppy school, or even another family dog. Dogs that participate in dog shows or spend a lot of time in kennels are at the highest risk for catching kennel cough. The primary symptom of kennel cough is a dry, spasmodic cough which is caused by the inflammation of the dog's throat. Coughing spells will often result in the dog coughing up a white and foamy discharge. Some dogs can develop other symptoms such as conjunctivitis - an inflammation of the eyelids. Nasal discharge may also be present. In effect, the dog appears to have a very nasty cold or flu. As stated above, the disease is rarely serious and almost never life-threatening and mostly clears up on its own. In some cases, such as if the dog is depressed or feverish or expelling a yellow or green discharge, the dog should be taken to the vet; the doctor will prescribe a course of antibiotics. The antibiotics will help prevent any secondary illnesses from developing while the dog gets over its case of kennel cough.

What you can do?

There is no cure for kennel cough & in most cases where the dog appears otherwise healthy, **supportive care is all that is required.** Exercise should be restricted or limited (avoiding strenuous exertion) until the cough goes away. Our affiliated vets have recommended the following supportive treatment: If your puppy develops the classic dry cough, **go your local chemist and purchase a bottle of BENADRYL ORIGINAL FORMULA COUGH MEDICINE, (it must be this specific formula)** and administer it to your puppy when your puppy coughs; it can be given up to 3 times daily at the rate of 2ml per dose for a small puppy (Jack Russell), 3ml for a medium puppy (Cocker Spaniel) and 4ml for a large puppy (Labrador). If these symptoms occur within the health guarantee period, please bring your receipt into our store for a refund of this medication cost. Mention any symptoms at your free vet check (see veterinarian list on our health guarantee attachment sheet).

What we can do?

Please be aware we take every effort to minimise the likelihood of infection, however every dog or person who has been in contact with a contaminated dog or puppy, that walks into our store has the ability to spread the virus to our puppies, in most cases unknowingly doing so. This year the vets have seen a very large number of cases in the community and after many discussions, have advised us we ARE doing everything in our power to keep it out of our stores. Please feel free to contact me any time if you need to discuss this further and/or suspect that your new puppy may have it.

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