



## **Preparing For Your New Puppy**

### **Congratulations on Your New Puppy!**

We wanted to give you some extra information to prepare you for bringing home your new puppy.

Be prepared to spend 2-4 days at home with your new puppy once he's home. The longer you're home with him, the easier his adjustment will be.

Once your return to work, it's important to have someone come in mid-day for a few weeks for potty and play time. Your puppy will not be able to hold it for long periods of time in his crate.

Schedule your Vet Appointment for a Puppy Wellness Exam within 3-days of bringing your puppy home. This is only an exam, no vaccinations. We will provide you with immunization records. Schedule this appointment sooner rather than later. Vet appointments are hard to come by.

While your puppy is vaccinated, mothers' immunities can interfere with this. It's best to keep your puppy healthy and protected by waiting until their next round of vaccinations before going to puppy classes, playdates or dog parks. Carry your puppy into the vet. Do not let them walk or lick the floors, etc...

Your puppy will need a crate, we use the wire kind your puppy can see out of and be a part of things even when crated. Your puppy will need:

- An "extra-large" size crate 27 in L x 42 in W x 30 in H for a Standard (55-70 lbs) size puppy.
- A "large" size crate 24 in L x 36 in W x 27 in H for a Mini (25-35 lbs) size puppy.
- A "medium" size crate 21 in L x 30 in W x 24 in H for a Petite (15-25 lbs) size puppy.
- A "small" size crate 18 in L x 24 in W x 21 in H for a Micro (8-15 lbs) size puppy.

We use the wire crates sold at Fleet Farm called Pet Lodge. The medium size and bigger come with a movable divider to make the crate smaller while potty training. This is the type of crate your puppy is acclimated to, and we highly recommend you get the same one.

You will need plenty of toys, things that have dangly legs, things that crackle and crunch etc... A "Kong" toy is a must have (please do not get the pink or blue as they are able to be chewed). We do not recommend rawhide in small twists, or bone shapes, but I do like rawhide as it helps baby teeth come out and keeps adult teeth clean. We get the oversized 10-12-inch rolls, once the puppy/dog chews it down to 1/3 of its size, we toss them so our dog does not gum up the remaining and get it lodged. Bully sticks and pig ears are also great chews for your puppy/dog and will help keep their teeth clean and strong.

We will be sending each puppy home with his type of food, a soft puppy snuggle with our scent on it, a puppy training book, a copy of the state certified health certificate, an immunization record and probiotics for the first 1-2 weeks home to help your puppy's immune system stay strong during the transition period. We will also send home quite a bit of information to help you through your first week.

Congratulations on your exciting new journey!

Blessings,

*Antonia*