

PUPPIES: WHERE TO START

Puppy Training Tips



Purchase Basic Supplies

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Before you bring home a new dog, make sure you have everything you'll initially need e.g. a collar, lead, water and food bowls, toys, bedding /crate, dog food and the appropriate grooming tools for your chosen breed.

Prepare Your Home

It is important that your home is 'puppy proof', so ensure that objects which tempt a teething puppy are out of reach. It is most important to provide your puppy with safe chewable toys that are suited to your type of dog.

Deciding Where Your New Puppy Will Sleep

A crate or indoor kennel is highly recommended. Place a blanket / bed in the crate and make sure that it will be located in an area free of extreme heat or cold drafts. Make sure that the crate is an appropriate size for your breed of dog.

Once Your Puppy is Home

Toilet training – see separate info sheet. Give your puppy as many opportunities to toilet in the correct place as possible. That means taking your new dog out to a safe area many times per day. Offer a huge amount of praise when your pup 'gets it right'. Remember, your puppy will be more likely to need the toilet after sleep, eating and play. **DO NOT** reprimand your puppy for toileting mistakes. Blame yourself for taking your eye off the ball.

Food

Feed your puppy what is advised by your vet, breeder or specialized dog shop. It should be a puppy food that meets the needs of your puppy's breed and size. Do not give the puppy human food scraps or food suited to other pets. Puppies with diahorea are no fun!

Play

Play is extremely important to help the puppy learn, and settle into the family; however it is only a young dog, so no more than 15-20 mins of activity at a time.

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Overly stimulated can be worse than under stimulated! When you are not interacting with the puppy, return the puppy to its crate or puppy pen with some chews or toys that the dog can learn to play with quietly on its own. Your puppy will soon learn that this is its safe and secure place to play.

Walks

Make sure your dog is fully inoculated before putting him down on the ground in an area where there may be a risk of disease or infection. This however, should not stop you carrying your puppy (dependant on size) into different situations to get him acquainted with different sights, sounds and smells.

Outdoors

Puppies tend to explore and get into trouble, even if it's just in the family garden. It is possible that they may hurt themselves or eat something that could seriously harm them. Therefore, for the first several weeks, ensure that they are constantly supervised, when outdoors.

Bedtime

Give your puppy a last opportunity to toilet outside before bedtime. Then, simply place the puppy in his crate. If the puppy is whining, try leaving him to settle down by himself. Remember, every time we ask our puppy to be quiet, we are giving him attention and therefore reinforcing the whining, building a bond and having control

So, if you are considering getting a puppy, or already have one at home, pop into Wizard of Paws, where expert assistance is on hand, at all times.

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