

PUPPY INFORMATION GUIDE

PUPPY DIET

Never change your puppy's diet instantly. A change of diet in the first few weeks of a puppy going to their new home can quickly lead to gastro, diarrhoea, dehydration and an expensive visit to the vet. It is important that you continue to feed your puppy the diet they have been fed here. Once they are old enough you can gradually introduce the food you choose.

Your puppy is eating **Blackhawk puppy (lamb & rice) dry food**

You will need to go to a pet shop to get the Blackhawk puppy (lamb & rice) dry food. Soak the dry food in boiling water to make it soft and feed it to the puppy once it has cooled to a warm temperature. This is your puppy's main meal that you will have to make twice a day until 16 weeks of age.

Also have a bowl of the dry food not soaked at all times for the puppy to pick on.

Your puppy will like chicken necks and meaty bones that you buy from your local butcher but only give your puppy one a week to start with.

Make Blackhawk puppy (lamb & rice) dry food available to your puppy at all times.

Water and dry food should always be available to your puppy but don't feed your dog solely on dry food.

Do not feed your puppy cow's milk because you will give your puppy diarrhoea.

Always give your dog some variety once they are old enough like

Meaty Bones

Chicken Necks

Fresh Meat Mince

Good Quality Canned Food

Meaty bones are an essential source of calcium and protein for dogs and they will happily chew them for hours. The bones have two benefits. They will occupy your dog when they are bored and they will do wonders for their dental health.

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PUPPY

When the puppy is 8 weeks of age it can come home to you. For the first four weeks it is best to keep your puppy at home. Don't go for walks in the park or the street until the puppy's second vaccination. Also keep your new puppy inside at night or when you work until four months of age. Have a bed, chewy toys, bones, food and water available to your puppy at all times. You can get a doggy door built to help train your puppy to go outside to the toilet.

Once your puppy is over 6 months of age they can happily live outside. You will still need to have fresh water, food, and a kennel for your dog to sleep outside. Also you will need fencing suitable for a dog not to get out. Chewy toys, balls & squeaky toys are great for puppies to play with.

TRAINING

Our puppies are already toilet trained, just put newspaper down in the laundry, bathroom or kitchen.

Start to toilet train your puppy by putting them outside straight after sleeping and also after feeding.

Obedience clubs and schools are a great learning experience for you and your puppy, it helps to socialize and train your dog.

VACCINATIONS

All our puppies are vet checked and vaccinated between 6 and 8 weeks of age. Your puppy will need its 2nd vaccination at 12 weeks of age and the 3rd at 14 to 18 weeks of age. Then yearly booster vaccinations are required.

GROOMING

All our dogs need weekly brushing with a slicker brush and clipping 1 to 3 times a year. Their ears need to be plucked 2 to 3 times a year as their hair does not shed and it can build up in the ears. We recommend washing your puppy in good quality puppy shampoo and always hair dry afterwards.

PARASITE CONTROL

Your puppy or dog will need an effective parasite control program to help keep away common external and internal parasites. Most common external and internal parasites are fleas, flea allergy dermatitis, ear mites, sarcoptic mange, heartworm disease, and intestinal hookworms, roundworms and tapeworms. Ask your Veterinarian for a complete parasite control program. We use and recommend Revolution or Advocate monthly.

Revolution treats all the above parasites but not tapeworms which we use Drontal for.

WORMING YOUR PUPPY/DOG

Worm your puppy every two weeks until the age of 12 weeks. Then worm your puppy once a month to the age of 6 months. After the puppy stage worm your puppy every 3 months. Dogs in Hydatid Tapeworm areas need to be treated every 6 weeks.

An effective regular worming program is essential! Adult worms are killed from the worming treatment, but it doesn't kill the worm's eggs. Dogs and cats can be reinfected by worms from their environment and other pets. Most common worms are Hydatid Tapeworms, Hookworms, Roundworms, Common Flea Tapeworms and Whipworms. To have a healthy puppy or dog a regular worming program is needed. We use and recommend Drontal Worming Tablets. Ask your Veterinarian for a complete worming program.

CANINE HEARTWORM TREATMENT

If your dog is in a heartworm area you will need an effective heartworm program.

Mosquitoes act as the host for heartworm larvae and transfer the heartworm disease from one dog to another, if the mosquito is infected. The adult heartworms are about 35cms long and normally live on the right side of the heart and in blood vessels. They can damage and block blood vessels therefore blood supply to the lungs is limited. The increased work on the heart slowly weakens the hearts muscles, reducing the hearts effectiveness of its purpose to pump blood around the body and eventually this leads to heart failure.

A dog in heartworm areas should be on a program for heartworm treatment from the age of 6 weeks and then monthly. We recommend Heartgard. Ask your Veterinarian for a complete heartworm program.

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP AND COUNCIL REQUIRMENTS

All puppies now have to be registered with your local council at 3 months of age as most puppies are purchased between the age of 8 to 12 weeks and this ensures that more lost puppies can be returned to their owners. All our puppies are micro chipped and de-sexed and this will reduce the cost of getting your dog registered. Your puppy's microchip is already registered in our name and we will provide a form for you to fill out and send off to have your puppy's microchip details transferred into your name. Once you have registered your dog you will get an identification marker which must always be worn by your dog when outside your premises. You also have to renew your dog's registration each year before April the 10th and if you change address make sure you transfer you dog's registration to your new address. For more information or advice on registering your dog please call your local council.

FOOD THAT COULD HARM YOUR DOG

Your dog can be poisoned by a variety of things including types of vegetables and chemicals like pesticides. Do not feed you dog onions. Here is a list of foods that are potentially harmful to your puppy/dog depending on the quantity.

- Alcoholic beverages
- Avocado
- Caffeine
- Macadamia nuts
- Onions and onion powder
- Tomato leaves and stems (green parts)
- Apple seeds
- Cherry pips
- Chocolate
- Grapes
- Rhubarb leaves
- Cabbage

GUARANTEE - Inform us immediately of any problems

- Cooling off period - Where a puppy/dog is returned within 3 days of sale, for any reason not supported by a statement from a veterinary practitioner, we will take back the puppy/dog and refund 75% of the purchase price.
- Where a puppy/dog is returned to us within 21 days of sale accompanied by a statement from a veterinary practitioner that the puppy/dog is unacceptable for health reasons, we will take back the puppy/dog and refund 100% of the purchase price. We will not be held liable for illness or injury that is not traceable to the point of sale.
- If a puppy/dog is diagnosed with, suffering from, dies of, or is euthanized from a physical defect or disease that is traceable to the point of sale within 3 years of purchase, we will refund 100% of the purchase price where the owner of the puppy/dog provides supporting statements from a veterinary practitioner, including test results where a suitable test is available. Owners of the puppy/dog must make veterinary reports and test results available to us so we can obtain our own veterinary advice (second opinion).

Inform us immediately of any problems.

If you have any problems with your puppy please contact us at any time of day or night on 0351 924372. We will often be able to solve your problem with some simple advice. If your puppy needs emergency treatment within the 21 days of sale period and you live in the Melbourne metropolitan area please contact us then our vet on (03) 9375 7955.

If you do not live in the Melbourne metropolitan area contact us, then a reputable local veterinarian.

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