

## Congratulations on your new puppy!



We're so happy to see our little ones going to good homes and we hope you will enjoy all the wonderful things they'll bring to your life. Here are just a few things we thought you'd like to know.

- Puppies have been weaned on PetSmart's Authority Lamb & Rice or Chicken & Rice Puppy Chow. They still prefer to have their food soaked in water. Be sure to provide plenty of fresh water, also, as they transition to dry food. They are currently on a feeding schedule of breakfast, lunch and dinner and can be taken down to twice a day after 8 weeks. I, personally, free-feed dry dog food until there is a need to ration food for a dog who is gaining too much weight. If the puppy experiences a bit of diarrhea during adjustment, add a bit of canned pumpkin to its food to stabilize its stools. If the diarrhea lasts more than 3 days or if the puppy appears to be ill in combination with the diarrhea, contact your vet.
- Be sure to have the puppies visit the vet of your choice within 72 hours of picking it up. The puppies received their first set of shots at \_\_\_ weeks old on \_\_\_\_\_ per the shot records. Work with the vet to establish a schedule for the remaining required vaccinations and preventive care treatment.
- The puppies will have approximately a 2-day period where it will be difficult for them to be away from the pack. Please provide them the blanket that we will give you that has the litter's scent on it. Do not wash the blanket until the dog adjusts to you and discontinues crying for its littermates.
- For puppies, we recommend getting a nylon collar (an adjustable 8"-14") or harness and put a cat's bell on it (sold at the checkout stand at PetSmart). This will help to realize when they are under your feet. They love people so much, it's easy for them to get underfoot!
- Please don't use a choke chain or a nylon collar permanently. A dog shouldn't be jerked by the collar for correction, especially the flat-nosed breeds. This has been linked to collapsed tracheas and costly vet bills. Research harnesses and get the pug fitted for a good harness to keep them safe.
- We'd love to know about how the puppy is doing. Feel free to send pictures, links to websites, or any other communication. We also gather as much genetic information as possible to help improve the breeding program.
- Please know that your puppy will always have a home and safe place to return to if future circumstances indicate that you can no longer keep them. We encourage spaying/neutering your dog at the earliest time suggested by your veterinarian for their health and to help control the animal population.
- Enjoy your new friend. We wish you all the best!

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