



Our Guide to Puppies

FEEDING YOUR PUPPY

Puppies & dogs live longer, happier healthier lifestyles fed on premium dried dog food. It is highly digestible so providing less excreta and more cost effective for you.

To change your puppies food, feed their usual food for 1 - 2 days then slowly over a week mix in increasing proportions of the new food. This makes the transition easy on your puppies digestive system.

Puppies should remain on puppy for 12 - 18 months depending on breed & size

WORMS AND FLEAS

Roundworms are a threat to puppies as they are passed from the mother through the bloodstream or the milk.

Puppies should be treated for roundworms every 2 weeks from the age of 2 to 12 weeks and then every 4 weeks until they are 6 months of age.

Fleas bite & feed on a puppies blood, severe flea infestations can cause anaemia

Under the age of 12 weeks fleas can be treated with a flea collar, drops or tablets. Over the age of 12 weeks powders and sprays are the most effective treatment

COLLARS, HALTIS & HARNESSSES

Choose a light weight collar & Lead with 'growing room' in. Measure the widest part of your puppies neck and add 2"

Put the collar on the puppy for 2 - 3 days before attaching the lead allowing your puppy to get used to the feel.

Attach the lead to the collar allowing your puppy to drag it around the house for 1 day DO NOT attempt to lead you puppy until it is completely comfortable with it's accessories.

There are a variety of Collars, Harnesses, Car harnesses, Haltis and Leads available to choose from. A member of staff will be happy to advise and help you fit any.

GROOMING AND ORAL CARE

Grooming from a young age teaches your puppy how to behave during grooming sessions and creates time for you both to bond.

Oral hygiene is an important part of the daily grooming routine.

Only use toothpaste specially formulated for animals as human toothpaste will unsettle their stomach if swallowed.

Chews massage gums & clean tartar from teeth helping to keep your dogs teeth healthy and breath sweet.

IDENTIFICATION HEALTH & FITNESS

Puppies & Dogs by law should always have an ID tag, be micro chipped or both.

Basic training should begin as soon as possible, and reinforced throughout their life, however the most effective time for training a dog is between 12 and 18 weeks of age.

Many behavioural problems can be avoided by allowing your dog to socialise with other people and animals from an early age.

Puppies & Dogs both enjoy chewing and playing - a chew toy will keep them entertained for hours.

It is important to get your puppy inoculated against various diseases. Vaccinations are usually given at 8-9 weeks and the second set at 12 weeks of age.

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