



Taking Your New Puppy Home. What You Need to Know.

First: Your puppy has been seen by our vet and passed a complete well baby check up. It is very important that you take your new puppy to your vet within 72 hours of picking up your puppy for a second well puppy check up by your vet.

Your puppy has been wormed 3-4 times prior to going home. Please take your puppies health records that we will provide you to your vet for their review.

Your puppy has also received his/her first vaccination. Again, please take your Puppies health records with you when you go to your vet for the first time. Your vet will Instruct you of the proper vaccination protocol & will book a follow up apt.

Your puppy has been micro-chipped with an AKC Reunite microchip. It is very Important to register you as the owner of the puppy in the unfortunate event that your dog should come up missing. Here is a link to register your microchip. Please make sure this is one of the first things you do once you take your puppy home.

All registered dogs have an everyday call name and also a fancy registered name. We usually have litter themes when naming the puppies with their registered names. This litter's theme is songs... what is your favorite song? The name will begin with Moonlit Acres and then the name of the song. I have a girl that we just did this with Her guardian family wanted to name her Lolo... I was having a very difficult time figuring Out a name for her. Ended up with Moonlit Acres Oh La La... By Rod Stewart.

Have fun and let me know what you come up with so I can add it to the registration Paperwork for the ALAA.



Importance of Nutrition

What you feed your puppy – dog will directly impact the longevity of your dog as well as the quality of life your dog experiences in his/her life time. Make sure you feed a high quality, food!

Your puppy is currently being fed Life's Abundance All Life Stage kibble.

Typically at 8 weeks of age your puppy will need to eat 3 times per day. I would start with $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup morning, noon & night. Your puppy will soon be up to about 1 cup in the morning and 1 cup in the evening.

Always be sure to soak the dry kibble with warm water. Dry kibble can cause choking & bloat! We recently had a Golden Retriever puppy that went home at 8 weeks. By 9 weeks of age he weighed 20 pounds. His family was using dry kibble for training treats. He choked on a kibble and died in their living room. PLEASE use training treats for training and add water to moistened your dogs kibble.

Your puppy has been eating Life's Abundance All Life's Stage kibble and Life's Abundance Pork & Venison wet canned food. My recommendation for now is to start out with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of kibble, $\frac{1}{3}$ can of wet food a little hot water to soak it... let it sit for 15 minutes and then serve dinner. This should be 3 times a day in the beginning for about the 1st month and then you can switch to 2x's per day. In the beginning it's too difficult on their blood sugar levels to go too long in between meals. They are currently being fed around 8 am, 1 PM and 6 PM.

To help with potty training we stop feeding and take water away after 7 pm.

Feeding a high quality – nutritious food:

There are several good foods out there made by various companies. When your puppy first comes home he/she will be used Life's Abundance All Life Stage.



For additional information on this food please visit their website at:

Life's Abundance offers a high quality, corn free, human grade meat, preservative free dog food. Not all dog foods will do well with each dog. Some dogs do great on the grain free but some do better on the grain. We have found that our Golden's do better on the grain free and our doodles typically do better with the grain.

PLEASE be sure to soak dry kibble in hot water for a few minutes before feeding! It will help minimize the potential of your puppy/dog bloating and or choking. This is something that should be done forever not just as a puppy. As I'm re-writing this manual this issue is very fresh in our minds and heart. We were just notified that one of our puppies that went home last week choked to death on a kibble. The owners were using dry kibble as training treats and not soaking it. Training treats are nice and soft and a safer option for training.

If you decide to switch food PLEASE do it slowly over the period of two weeks is possible. Start out by reducing their normal feed by $\frac{1}{4}$ c and adding $\frac{1}{4}$ c of the new food in. Do this for a few days, make sure there is no vomiting or loose stools. If everything appears okay then decrease the normal food by $\frac{1}{2}$ c and increase the new food by $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Monitor for a few days. Then do the same with $\frac{3}{4}$ c for a few days and then completely make the switch. This process should take a week and half to two weeks. But please do not start this process until week four.

Whatever food you feed PLEASE be sure to use a high quality, corn free product. You will spend a little more on food but in the long run you will reduce the risk of cancer and other health issues.



Supplementation Is Important! I give all of my dogs NuVet Vitamins daily. Puppies have immune deficiencies and NuVet wafers help boost immune. You can order them off of our Website or you can call 800-474-7044 and give Them our code ID# 78537 they will give you our Discounted pricing. If you opt to get on an auto-SHIP you will receive a discounted price.

I also give all of my puppies NuJoint Plus until 2 years of age. It has buffered vitamin C and other supplements that aide in proper bone development. If you choose not to give NuJoint I would highly recommend giving Vitamin C and Glucosamine.

Both NuVet and NuJoint are flavored wafers that the dogs love!



I would like to emphasize the importance of a few different Things with Labradoodles.

Labradoodles if allowed can be barky. I highly recommend having a mat by the front door about 8-10' from the front door so that when someone comes to the door you can have your puppy sit at the door while the door is Answered in a safe and pleasant fashion.

Grooming.... Continue to work with you puppy as soon as you Get them home. You should be trimming their nails once a week. We do nails around here every Monday. I would get a pair of scissors And trim around their eyes from the beginning... just get them used To being worked with. Get the blow dryer out and work with them On a regular basis. I would recommend doing research now to Find your future groomer. You want a groomer that is going to take Their time with your puppy. I would recommend after they've had Their second shot to find someone who will book you for first thing In the morning before they've allowed anyone else into the grooming Place and get them to start getting your pup adjusted to the grooming Table. Doodles have to have their ear hair pulled, they need brushed Regularly. The more you do with them at home the easier it will Be on your puppy and the groomer. But finding the RIGHT groomer Will make all the difference in the world. The groomers is a very Scary place for your puppy. Find someone that will start slowly with them. On our website there is a tab for let's go shopping. You will find A brush and a comb on there. These two items are all you will ever need And are by far the best brushes that I have found. I would recommend Getting them right away and using them every other day.

Additionally, keeping your puppies bum hair trimmed short will help!!! If their bum hair is too long poo will get caught in there and you will Find your puppy scooting across the floor dragging his/her bum trying To get the left overs off. ☺ Just trim it up... while you are down there Make sure to trim the hair around the private areas. Keeping things down Their nice and tidy will help eliminate UTI's.

PUPPY SOCIALIZATION CHECKLIST 100 EXPERIENCES IN 100 DAYS

AT HOME

- YOUR HAND IN THEIR FOOD
- TAKING TREATS/PILLS
- TOYS OF DIFFERENT TEXTURES
- TAKE TOYS AWAY FROM THEM
- MEAL TIME ETIQUETTE (NO JUMPING)
- STAIRS
- ELEVATORS
- LOUD NOISES (YELLING, STOMPING, HAIRDRYER, POTS & PANS)
- DOOR BELL
- DOOR KNOCKING
- TELEVISION
- CEILING FAN/FAN
- MICROWAVE/STOVE BEEPING
- WASHER/DRYER RUNNING/BEEPING
- SMOKE ALARM
- SLEEPING IN CRATE
- STAYING IN CRATE ALONE
- SLEEPING IN DOGGY BED
- GETTING A BATH (IN TUB, SHOWER, OR OUTSIDE)
- HEAR THE BATH WATER RUNNING
- TOWEL DRYING OFF AFTER BATH
- PRESENT WHILE SWEEPING/MOPPING THE FLOOR
- PRESENT WHILE VACUUM CLEANER IS IN USE
- SEEING REFLECTIONS/MIRRORS

OUTSIDE

- WALKING WITH A LEASH
- PLAYING OFF LEASH IN A SAFE ENCLOSURE
- WALKING ON SIDEWALK ON QUIET/BUSY STREET
- USING PUBLIC TRANSIT (SUBWAY, BUS) IF PERMITTED
- SOUND OF SIRENS
- SOUND OF THE CAR STARTING
- CAR RIDES
- GETTING INTO THE CAR
- GETTING OUT OF THE CAR
- WINDOWS OPEN IN THE CAR
- SOUND OF CAR HORN
- SOUND OF RADIO/MUSIC
- SWIMMING
- PLAYING FETCH, THROWING TOYS
- PRESENT WHEN LAWN IS MOWED (LEASHED AND SUPERVISED)
- CROWDS/CLAPPING/CHEERING/SCREAMING
- THUNDERSTORMS (SOUND OF THUNDER/RAIN)
- FIREWORKS
- FIRE (CAMPFIRE OR FIREPLACE)
- CONSTRUCTION/MACHINERY SOUND
- WALKING ON PUBLIC TRAILS, HIKING TRAILS OR GRASS
- WALKING OVER BRIDGES/UNDER BRIDGES
- SNOW
- WALKING ON ICE/SLIPPERY SURFACE
- RAIN, PUDDLES
- UMBRELLA OPENING & CLOSING
- MUD
- WALKING ON ROCKY/UNEVEN GROUND
- WALKING OVER GRATES/MANHOLE COVERS (METAL SURFACES)
- STANDING ON BALCONIES/DOCKS

INTERACTIONS

- INTRODUCTION TO OTHER DOGS IN HOUSEHOLD
- INTRODUCTION TO CATS IN HOUSEHOLD
- OPENING DOOR TO GREET GUESTS
- VISITING AT A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER'S HOUSE
- GETTING USED TO BEING SEPARATED FROM PEOPLE
- BEING PICKED UP BY OWNER (IF SMALL DOG)
- BEING PICKED UP BY FRIEND/FAMILY MEMBER (IF SMALL DOG)
- BABIES, TODDLERS, SMALL CHILDREN
- TEENAGERS, ADULTS, ELDERLY PEOPLE (MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES)
- PEOPLE CARRYING PACKAGES/DELIVERY PEOPLE
- PEOPLE USING WHEELCHAIRS/CRUTCHES
- PEOPLE PUSHING STROLLERS
- PEOPLE RIDING BIKES/BICYCLES
- PEOPLE ROLLERBLADING/SKATEBOARDING
- PEOPLE WEARING SUNGLASSES
- PEOPLE WEARING HATS/HELMETS/HOODS
- PEOPLE IN COSTUMES
- MAILMAN
- GARBAGE TRUCK/GARBAGE CANS
- VISIT TO GROOMER
- TRIMMING NAILS
- CHECKING/CLEANING BETWEEN PADS OF FEET
- BRUSHING FUR
- BRUSHING TEETH WITH TOOTHBRUSH
- TOUCHING/CLEANING EARS
- TOUCHING LEGS/FEET/STOMACH/TAIL
- HOLDING THEIR HEAD/FEET STILL
- CLEANING DIRTY PAWS WITH TOWEL
- OWNER'S HAND IN DOG'S MOUTH TO FEEL/CHECK GUMS/TEETH
- VETERINARY VISIT
- BEING PHYSICALLY EXAMINED/TOUCHED BY STRANGER (VET, GROOMER)
- PET STORE VISIT
- MEETING STRANGERS ON WALKS (WITH OR WITHOUT DOGS)
- MEET ANOTHER DOG (OWNED BY SOMEONE YOU TRUST)
- PUPPY PLAYDATE
- MEETING/INTERACTING WITH SMALL BREEDS
- MEETING/INTERACTING WITH LARGE BREEDS
- MEET OTHER DOGS (BEACH, DOG PARK)
- SQUIRRELS/CHIPMUNKS IN YARD/PARK
- HORSES
- WATERFOWL

GEAR

- WEARING/PUTTING ON A COLLAR
- WEARING/PUTTING ON A HARNESS
- WEARING/PUTTING ON A MUZZLE/HALTER
- WEARING/PUTTING ON A DOG COAT
- WEARING/PUTTING ON DOG BOOTIES

EXERCISE AND PLAYTIME:

Another item that will have a long term effect on your dogs overall health is exercise. Just like humans dogs NEED proper exercise for mental and physical balance.

In the beginning.... Have play time fetching. It is very important to play fetch with your puppy. Your puppy is a retriever! He/she should be fetching and bringing the toy back to you. Get some soft HEALTHY treats for rewards. Life's Abundance has a soft chewy treat that is great for training rewards and they are healthy too! So many dog treats have garbage in them! Use healthy, soft treats to work with your puppy. Crunchy, hard treats take too long for the puppies to chew up and most the time they are trying to get the crumbs instead of paying attention to you to see what you want to do next. Please NEVER feed nylabones. Go to Youtube and see how Nylabones are made. The are dangerous for our dogs and toxic at best.

It is not advisable to use a Chuckit... it will cause your puppy to run too fast/too far... not good for their hips. You want your puppy free running and having fun. Just not going the distance that this will take your puppy.

Please reframe from running with your puppy until their growth plates are done... usually age two. Proper exercise and proper weight management will ensure a healthier, longer life and play & or exercise is time for bonding with your pup. Enjoy!

Spend the time and work with your puppy... take the time to develop their minds you will have a happy dog that is bonded with you.



Puppies have tiny, sharp teeth that have a tendency to like to chew! Make sure you have plenty of chew toys and good options for them. Kong carries a great line of toys that will keep your pup entertained for hours and will also make them think. Do not allow your pup to chew on furniture or your kids ankles. ☺ Puppies need boundaries the quicker you set them the quicker you will successfully make it through the puppy stage!

Pet Insurance: *I can't emphasize the importance of pet insurance enough!*

Pet insurance is wonderful it's there for the unexpected. There are two Companies that I recommend for pet insurance. Life's Abundance has A pet insurance as well as Nationwide.

Pet insurance offers you reassurance that anything a vet can do for Your dog will be done as they can bill the insurance company and Know that they will be paid!

Recently one of my puppies that went home ate a sock. Actually 2 socks. The family had tied two socks together for a chew toy. Well the dog ate it after playing with it for a couple of hours. They took the pup to the local vet and then called me when they found out What had happened. Their vet wanted \$7300 to do surgery to remove it. I sent them to Dr. Weber in Newberg. He did surgery and kept him overnight And the entire bill was right around \$2000. So, if you ever need a vet for Diagnostic purposes and or surgery. Dr. Weber at Newberg Vet Hospital is Awesome and will go up and beyond! Just tell him you have a Dana dog. They offer 24/7 care. If you ever need help getting a hold of a vet in the middle Of the night please call me! I have my vets cell numbers and will have you In touch with a vet in minutes.

Newberg Vet Hospital is a bit of a drive for me but so worth it! 503-538-8303.

Potty Training & Crate Training:

Whenever, I am potty training a new puppy I always start with an enclosed kennel.



I think it makes the puppy feel safer. I also always have a toy or t-shirt that the pups mom has played with or worn. The smell will comfort your puppy. The kennel quickly becomes a safe place that your pup will feel comfortable in. It's not a place to put them when you are upset with them... It needs to be a safe place to keep them when you can't watch them or for bed time. I always have the puppies right next to my bed. They need to know you are close by.

Usually from about 6 – 8 weeks the puppies are sleeping through the night without mom. Mind you, they have their littermates to keep them company but they usually go to bed about 9 pm and get up around 7 am. They most likely are not going to do this with you as you will not have them sleeping on shavings. If you have them in a kennel I would take them potty right before you go to sleep for the night. For the first couple of weeks you may have to get up and let them out at night to go potty. If they wake up crying to go out, take them potty and put them right back in the crate and praise them. You can even have potty treats.

Your puppy will go potty and or poo within MINUTES of eating. Feed your puppy, pick them up and take them outside. If possible Take them to the same outside door every time when taking them Potty. Take them outside as soon as they start to walk away from their food dish. If you have a designated area that you would like your pup to go potty/poo... take them their EVERY time. They are smart and will catch on very quickly!

By the time my pups turn 6 months I usually change their kennel to a wire Kennel and put them with the others when it is time for kenneling. Or they In my bathroom with the big dogs.

Obedience training and socialization: I am a FIRM believer in puppy socialization and obedience training. Your puppy will have his/hers first round of shots before they leave our home. Keep up on the shots at the required times and get your puppies enrolled in puppies classes! The social development is SO important especially if you have an “only” pup. Ensuring that you have a well trained puppy will equate to a long lasting bond with you and your grown dog. If you are local to our area Man’s Best Friend in Battle Ground does an excellent job in puppy training!!

As a breeder we breed for:

Temperament * Disposition *Structure * Genetics *Beauty

We do all the genetic health testing we can to ensure we are going to create the healthiest companion that we can. Breeding for temperament and disposition is 90% of the long term compatibility issues. If as a breeder we’ve done our job we’ve also selected HUMANS for our pups that will create a loving, nurturing environment that will incorporate training. We’ve done everything we know how to do to create an awesome life companion for you. It’s now YOUR job to do right by you and this puppy. PLEASE take your puppy to obedience classes and socialize the heck out of your puppy. You will create a well balanced happy dog.

From this time forward the mental stability of your puppy/dog will be dependent upon your interaction or lack there of with you pup. At this point it becomes human success or error! Take the time with your puppy to create something spectacular!

Many of our families get to know one another and end up taking their Pups to Man’s Best Friend at the same time for training. Shannon Walker The owner of MBF also trains the police dogs in SW WA & OR as well as Service dogs for veterans through Northwest Battle Buddies. She is Fantastic! She trains about 30 dogs a year for us and our families.

Spay/neuter is VERY controversial!

All of our puppies are adopted on a spay and neuter contract. Many breeders de-sex their puppies at 6 weeks of age. I do Not believe this is good for the puppies/dog longevity. I have Been able to negotiate with the stud owners of the dogs that We have used to be able to have a spay and neuter contract. At this time all of our puppies that leave our home must be De-sexed by 6 months of age. Please have your vet email Us verification of de-sexing not later than 6 months of age as I am required to forward these notifications to the stud owner.



DISEASES: You puppies are not fully immunized when you take them home! At the time your puppy goes home with you it will have received it's first round of vaccinations. Parvo is a deadly threat to your pup and is one of many things that can be deadly. Do not take your puppy to the dog park, pet store or anywhere else in public until your puppy is fully vaccinated!

When you take your puppy to the vet for your first exam PLEASE carry Your puppy in your arms into the vets office. Do not let people Come up and pet your puppy. Do not put your puppy on the ground. The vets office is one of the most deadly places you can take your Un-vaccinated puppy!

Your puppy should not set foot in public on the ground anywhere. Your backyard is the only place your puppy should be set on the Ground.

There are germs that will kill your puppy before you will even know Anything is really wrong!

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We LOVE seeing photos of our dogs online with their families! Connect up - there are groups in the Portland area and especially in the Seattle area that have Moonlit Acre play dates. It's a great way to socialize your pup with someone they already know and love!

If you ever have questions PLEASE feel free to pick up the phone and call or email. We always have lots of communication with every puppy family prior to the puppies going home. Please keep the communication coming - share your experience with us.

PLEASE inform us if you ever have a genetic or inherit issue with your pup. Your puppies health is vital to our breeding program. If we are unaware of a potential issue we have no way of knowing that we may need to re-evaluate our breeding program.

Wishing you years of happiness and health....
Please take care of our babies 😊

Please call with any questions or concerns or if your dog ever develops a disease. Your feedback is the only way we are able to monitor our breeding program

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