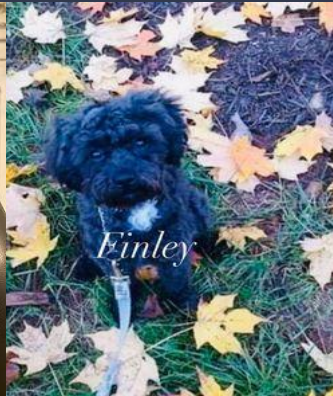


# #JONESFARMPUPPIES NEW OWNER INFORMATION

APRIL 2026





# **Jones Farm Puppy Schedule:**

- **8 am - wake up, potty  
eat, play, nap**
- **12 pm - wake up, potty  
eat, play, nap**
- **4 pm - wake up, potty  
eat, play, nap**
- **8 pm - wake up, potty  
eat, play, sleep**
- **10 pm - wake up, potty,  
sleep**

## DAYTIME EXERCISE PEN

NEWSPAPER  
FLAT ON  
BOTTOM,  
POTTY SPRAY,  
JUST A  
HANDFUL OF  
PELLETS  
NEEDED

KEEP SMALL THEN GRADUALLY ADD MORE SPACE AS IT'S EARNED. ❤️

## OVERNIGHT SLEEP:

COVER ON ALL SIDES  
POTTY PAN (SPRAYED)  
FLUFFY BED  
SNUGGLE PUPPY  
MUSIC

24 hours after second vaccination  
remove potty tray completely and potty  
outside only- after transition day 🐾

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## PUPPY CARE:

What do we  
recommend  
long term for  
Heartworm,  
Flea Meds,  
&  
Vaccinations?

### ***Heartworm Prevention:***

*We use a natural herbal remedy called HWF (Clean Heart), which supports cardiovascular health. Some chemical heartworm preventatives from vets have been linked to side effects in certain dogs, such as lethargy, vomiting, and loss of balance, and they can also be expensive.*

*We provide HWF for you on adoption day at a discounted price (about \$20 cheaper than online), and shipping is currently free. One bottle lasts about 47.5 weeks. Since treatment is typically only needed from April through October in North Carolina, a single bottle can last up to two years.*

*This product is safe to use starting at 8 weeks old, but we usually wait until about 5 months after basic vaccinations are completed before beginning any heartworm prevention.*

# Fleas, Ticks, and Mosquitoes:

We use Paws & Claws flea repellent spray and have discontinued use of ALL chemical flea treatments such as Frontline etc.

It works fantastic and smells wonderful.

We use it on all bedding, carpets, doormats, and fabrics that our dogs come into contact with everyday.

Use it 3 times per week on fabrics.

No need to spray directly onto fur.

Paws & Claws is included in your 4 piece Puppy Kit on Adoption Day!

# Vaccinations

## What we Recommend...

### ***Vaccinations:***

The main key with vaccinations is to decide which ones you want to give your baby. And be sure not to double dose or give two vaccinations OR a vaccination plus a wormer on the same day. If you have any adverse reactions from vaccinations we have a product for you that will help tremendously. We keep it in stock so just let me know if you need it.

### ***5 Way Vaccination:***

We give this at 6, 9, 12, and 16 1/2 weeks. The dates will be on your chart in your puppy's health record file.

### ***Rabies:***

We hold off till six months old for this vaccination. It's a state required vaccine so it is truly the only vaccination that is a requirement by law. We have had many dogs have an adverse reaction to this vaccination. We do have a product that will help greatly decrease those adverse reactions just let us know if you need it.

### ***Kennel Cough vacc/Bordetella:***

is not recommended unless boarding somewhere in a public boarding facility. Bordetella is now given nasally at your vet so be careful to ask questions. A few pups have been given that at their vets (unknowingly because it's nasal), on the same day as another vaccination and their babies have been horribly sick.

### ***Lyme/Lepto Vacc:***

Please do your due diligence in researching this vaccine. It has the highest incident of reaction of all vaccines. It is similar to the flu and only covers a few strains. If you are not in a really wet area with wildlife around, I would think twice. Google Dr. Karen Becker lepto vaccine. Also Dr. Judy Morgan Lepto shot. They both do a few live videos about that shot.

PS, something  
very important  
to note...

As these are our recommendations you are welcome to make your own choices for your puppy. However, if you do choose to double dose at a vet appointment, you could end up with a very sick puppy. We never give a heartworm, stomach worm (except Nemex which is safe) or vaccination (even nasally) at the same time as another. The flea, tick, and heartworm chemical preventative options are actually pesticides. Putting a toxic pesticide into your baby is never a good option. Our health guarantee will not cover you if you double dose any of these at the same time as another, vaccinate or worm earlier than the schedule we provide, or overdose using the chemicals we recommend against. We know we are “holistic” but why risk it when it comes to your baby? ♥

# Jones Farm Puppy Tips:

A few things we  
found helpful are...

**1.) Exercise pen.** Keep their world small. When not in your arms or being closely watched by you, an exercise pen is perfect. It gives them some independence and it also helps with potty training. Keep their litter pan within 5 feet at all times. If they can't see it, they won't use it. Establish an area as a safe place. Include a bed, covered kennel, litter pan, water bowl and some high-value toys. We have a great exercise pen on our Amazon product list as well as some absorbent mats to protect your floors.

**2.) First night.** We recommend your puppy sleep in another room, in a small kennel with only their bed, heartbeat puppy, and litter pan inside during the night. Put a dark, breathable blanket over the top of the kennel, say good night and walk away till morning. If you continue with litter training, there is no need to wake up with your puppy. There may be a couple cries within the first couple of nights, but if you stick with it, they will become independent, well-adjusted, self soothing on their own. And you get to sleep uninterrupted.

**3.) Potty training.** Your baby is already about 90% trained to the litter pan & newspaper upon coming home. We recommend sticking with the potty pan until a full 24 hours after the 2nd vaccination. Use the potty spray, (it's on our recommended products link), it is a huge help. No outside potty till after the second shot.

# Jones Farm Puppy Tips

**4.) Naps in their crate.** Your baby will need to take 5 daily naps. They need to establish independence so let them nap in their kennel, not on a lap.

**5.) Transition to outside potty.** We recommend you do this transition 24 hrs after the 2nd vaccination by taking a pan full of dirty pellets/paper and dumping them outside where you want them to go potty.. Carry your puppy to this spot every 45 minutes or so on transition day. Wait patiently for pee or poop before heading inside for a treat. If you do a good job of being on top of this for transition day the rest of your potty training success should be easy. NO puppy pads, they hinder potty training.

**6.) Treats.** Don't go overboard on treats because it could cause them to have constipation. I recommend PawTree freeze dried raw food as a healthy treat. TLC Biscuits are also an excellent choice. Stick with our recommended pawTree puppy food to comply with your health guarantee.

# Jones Farm Puppy Tips

**7.) Teething.** Make sure to have pawTree Chillax bones available for teething. We will discuss this on your nutrition call. It is natural for your puppy to put everything in his mouth including your fingers. Don't allow him to bite your fingers now because they will establish a habit that will continue when they have adult teeth. When he bites or nips, say "No!" in your loud, deep voice. If he continues, use your hands as a clamp over his mouth and repeat "No bite!". This way, he knows you're serious. If he still continues after that, he will need a time out without toys for five minutes. (Or 1 minute after his crying stops.) Repeat, repeat, repeat.

**8.) Hypoglycemia.** Between now and the age of six month old your pup should not be allowed to pant excessively. Small puppies less than 5 lbs. can become hypoglycemic from quick sugar drop because of the heat or excessive hard play. When you see your baby start to pant, be sure to remove them from the situation, get them some cold water, and air-conditioning.

**9.) Zach George.** Check out some Zach George videos on YouTube for training to go along with your Baxter and Bella training. Don't forget we have a code for you to save a good chunk off Baxter & Bella! "[Jones Farm](#)". It's so worth it!!

# Jones Farm Puppy Tips

**10.)** A lot of people ask if they can bring home a blanket or something that smells like siblings. We found out that it was a hindrance to potty training because it encourages the puppy to try to cancel out the scent of the littermates by urinating on it. Since this is the opposite of what we're trying to train them to do, we have stopped providing these items. We do however, send home a toy that has been played with by the littermates so the smell will be available. Most people purchase the snuggle puppy & educational snuffle included in the 4 pack as well on adoption day.

**11.)** For the ride home, we recommend you bring the litter pan and some PawTree food and Chillax chews and bone if you have a long ride. If your puppy gets restless or cries, let them have a potty break along the way. Most people allow their puppies to sleep on their passengers lap on the way home. Most recommend you kennel them for safety.

**12.)** There are 2 different types of wormers your puppy will need. The HWF is the all natural heartworm preventative that you pick up here when you pick up your puppy. This is started after their shots are complete. Once started, the dosage is 1 week on, 1 week off during the warm mosquito months. Nemex stomach wormer is needed every 2 weeks. It's on our Amazon product link. The schedule is listed on your health folder from us at pick up. 😊

# Additional Information!

Shop List/Click here 

<https://jonesfarmpuppies.com/puppy-products/>

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3. TLC Biscuits:  
<https://tlcpetfood.com/nutriton/jonesfarmpuppies>

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## **Nutrition Consult Call:**

On your nutrition call we will discuss all nutrition recommendations for PawTree. To help avoid food allergies in the future, your puppy will be eating a mixture of proteins in their dry kibble to ensure they are getting all the benefits different proteins can provide. Your puppy will be eating 2 different proteins with PawTree dry food. The two proteins are pawTree Chicken & Sweet Potato Recipe (Grain Free) and pawTree Real Whitefish & Brown Rice Recipe (Healthy Grains). Also Freeze Dried Raw treats used as training treats, food toppers, and moist food.

These foods are not available in retail stores. They are organic foods which contain no preservatives, fillers, corn, or gluten and all ingredients are grown and produced in the USA. They are the highest quality foods I have found. You can order bags online and it will be delivered to your home. The XL size, (3) 10.3 lb bags, gets you the best value for your money. We can help you set up an automatic delivery so you do not have to worry about your pups food. You can easily log into your account at a later date to adjust the amount or frequency as often as needed. We will do

STEP 1 together on your Nutrition Call  
approx two weeks before your pup comes home.

# Supplement Schedule we Recommend

## Feeding & Supplements:

**AM: Kibble & Vitamins**

(½ only till 5 lbs is reached)

**Lunch: Kibble**

**PM: Kibble**

- Top all Food with some fried dried raw pieces

⇩ PICK ONE ⇩



# Human Foods Dogs Can & Can't Eat

CAN



CAN'T

APPLE	ALCOHOL
BANANAS	AVOCADO
BLUEBERRIES	CAFFEINE
CANTALOUPE	CHOCOLATE
CARROTS	COFFEE
CHEESE	FAT TRIMMINGS
CHICKEN	GARLIC
EGGS	GUM
GREEN BEANS	GRAPES
HONEY	MACADAMIA NUTS
KIWI	MILK
MANGO	MUSHROOMS
OATMEAL	ONIONS
PEACHES	PITS AND SEEDS
PEANUT BUTTER	POTATO SKINS
PEARS	RAW POTATO
PINEAPPLE	RAISINS
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# Fecal Scoring System



Score 1 – Very hard and dry; requires much effort to expel from body; no residue left on ground when picked up. Often expelled as individual pellets.



Score 2 – Firm, but not hard; should be pliable; segmented appearance; little or no residue left on ground when picked up.



Score 3 – Log-like; little or no segmentation visible; moist surface; leaves residue, but holds form when picked up.



Score 4 – Very moist (soggy); distinct log shape visible; leaves residue and loses form when picked up.



Score 5 – Very moist but has distinct shape; present in piles rather than as distinct logs; leaves residue and loses form when picked up.



Score 6 – Has texture, but no defined shape; occurs as piles or as spots; leaves residue when picked up.



Score 7 – Watery, no texture, flat; occurs as puddles.

# Puppy Kindergarten



## PUPPY SOCIALIZATION CHECKLIST



### Environments

- Busy street
- Busy sidewalk
- Park with other dogs
- Park with lots of people
- Park with lots of children
- Parking lots
- Shopping areas (pet-friendly)
- Inside business buildings
- Inside other people's homes
- Dog-friendly events
- Street markets and fairs
- Restaurant patios
- Sporting events (as allowed)
- Skate park/biking area
- Lakes and ponds
- Streams and rivers
- Unfamiliar neighborhoods
- Vet office
- Grooming/boarding stores
- Running races/similar events

### Objects

- Cooking pots and pans
- Brooms/mops
- Blankets/rugs being shaken
- Balloons
- Umbrellas
- Garbage bag being opened
- Bags blowing in wind
- Soccer/basketball
- Computers
- TV/Video game noises
- Garbage cans with lids
- Metal type surfaces
- Clicker (for training)

Puppy kindergarten is actually reserved for those with pick of the litter reservations. If we have extra space we can also reserve for our typical reservations - (puppy kindergarten extensions.) Please ask about availability after you have picked your puppy. For puppy kindergarten we allow you to keep your puppy here with us for up to an additional three weeks for extra socialization training and puppy kindergarten. During this time the puppies will receive a second set of vaccinations. With extended training, your pup can have the option to stay for 2- 3 weeks after adoption date. We start all out pups with crate and potty training, yours will have up to an additional 3 weeks of that. Your puppy will have been sleeping in its own crate prior to going home. We will be working on potty training, Socialization, car rides, brushing teeth, grooming and nail trims. We will work on “quiet time” in its pen. We will take the pup out to expose it to various people, places, kids, animals, sites, sounds and smells. During the extra training time, we will keep you apprised of the training and post weekly updates of your puppy and its progress. The extra socialization time is completely optional. You decide how long you'd like your pup to stay with us additionally, up to three weeks. Currently, puppy kindergarten is reserved on a weekly basis. We are very careful not to enroll too many puppy kindergarten puppies as we want to make sure we have enough time to spend individually with them. Check out the Socialization Checklists for some ideas!

## People

- Women
- People of different ethnicities
- Tall men
- Men with deep voices
- Men with beards/facial hair
- Elderly people
- People in wheelchairs
- People who use canes/crutches
- People wearing hoods/hats
- People wearing helmets
- People wearing sunglasses
- People wearing a variety of colors
- People wearing backpacks
- Infants
- Crawling infants
- Toddlers
- Multiple toddlers playing loudly
- People running
- Homeless people
- Teenagers

## Animals

- Other puppies
- Adult dogs
- Large breeds (Great Dane, Mastiff)
- Very small breeds
- As many breeds as possible
- Cats
- Horses
- Other livestock like cattle
- Pet birds
- Hamsters, pet rats, etc.

## Surface Types

- Concrete
- Artificial grass/turf
- Slick floors (linoleum, hardwood)
- Stairs (carpet and concrete)
- Wet grass
- Mud and dirt
- Icy areas and snow
- Metal surfaces (vet scale, etc.)
- Uneven terrain and rocky areas

## Handling/Touching

- Outside of ears
- Inside of ears (not into ear canal)
- Outside of mouth area
- Inside of mouth area (be gentle)
- Back teeth
- Eye area (be careful)
- Paws
- Nail areas specifically
- Pinching skin
- Grabbing tail
- Nose
- Holding in arms
- Holding on lap
- Wiping body with towel
- Wiping paws with towel
- Wiping face with towel
- Handling by collar
- Putting on collar/harness
- Being brushed/combed
- Hugging/squeezing puppy softly

## Sounds

- Other animal sounds (goat, pig, etc.)
- Crane/construction machinery
- Fireworks
- People cheering
- Smoke alarm/security alarm
- Thunder/gunshots
- Ambulance/police siren
- Doorbell/knocking on door
- Vacuum cleaner
- Dishwasher, washing machine/dryer

## Vehicles

- Skateboards/longboards
- Bicycles
- Large garbage cans
- Baby strollers
- Shopping carts
- Carts honking
- Buses
- Motorcycles
- Metal surfaces (vet scale, etc.)

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# Puppies 101: How To Care For Your New Dog

BY JENNA STREGOWSKI, RVT

## ***First day with your puppy:***

Here's a few of my tips I like to send along with new puppy owners. We are your lifetime support so please don't ever be afraid to ask a question!

***Outdoor playtime:*** Keep in mind that MOST veterinarians recommend you do not let your puppy outside in the grass until 24 hrs after their second round of shots. We will paper/pellet train your puppy and put them on their potty pan as soon as they're done eating or drinking. They'll have all had their first round of shots and two wormings. Please find their vet paperwork in the paper we provide on adoption day. Also, it is important that they do not get chilled/overheated since they are so little. So limit outdoor playtime when the weather is not great. Parvo can live rampant in soil for 10 years after it has been infected. This is the disease that you would want to be concerned about when letting your puppy out before the second vaccinations. They can pick up parvo from the floor at your vet or from the shopping cart at the pet store. Birds can carry Parvo into your yard. So just use extra caution until all shots are done. I've been known to bring Lysol Wipes to the Vet when I bring my babies!

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***Essential Puppy Supplies:*** Your new puppy will need certain items from the very start. Some are essential for your pup's well-being, while others are quite helpful. Most important items include a leash and collar with identification, food and water bowls, and chew toys. You should also get a nice dog bed and a crate or kennel.

Some of these items can last as your puppy ages, but bear in mind that most of them will need to be replaced when your puppy grows. Collars may be adjustable to a certain point. A kennel can be purchased in a larger size for the future, but should be blocked off with boxes or other objects to make it the right size for the puppy. Be prepared for the expenses associated with dog ownership so you can budget accordingly.

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***Puppy Food:*** Your puppy's diet can make all the difference in his future health and well-being. We start your puppy on pawTree food and we recommend you continue throughout their lives. pawTree is an excellent food. Meats first, superfoods and vitamins, probiotics, no corn or fillers! We have a discount code we will share with you soon. PawTree has NEVER had a recall!

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***Puppy Health:*** You'll want to find a veterinarian before you get a puppy, at 9 weeks old you should bring him to your vet for an exam and vaccination. Make it a good experience for your puppy.

Your vet can help identify any potential health problems early on, and advise you on caring for your dog long-term. The initial visit also opens the doors of communication.

Over the course of your puppy's first six months, you will see a lot of your vet. This begins with puppy vaccines and leads to spay or neuter.

Jones Farm puppies are required to be spayed or neutered at six months of age per contract. To help keep your puppy's expenses down, you may consider purchasing pet health insurance, which could cover up to 80% of your dog's health care costs. We don't feel it's necessary since all of our babies are clear of the 250 genetic diseases associated with their breed. But we do offer you a great pet insurance with 1 free month that we recommend if you need one to cover basic emergencies, spay/neuter, and well visits.

***House Training:*** Housebreaking is one of the first things you will teach your new puppy. This process can sometimes be quite arduous, though some puppies catch on earlier than others. You should begin house-training as soon as you bring your puppy home, but it takes patience. Puppies are generally not able to control their bladders and bowels until about 12 weeks of age, so just be patient.

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Starting early can help get your puppy on a routine. As he grows and develops control over his bodily functions, he will already know what to do. As a general rule, you should take your puppy to the designated "potty spot" (litter pan till 2nd vaccine) immediately after eating or drinking. However, accidents happen, so be prepared, consistent and patient. We will start your puppy litter training at 4 weeks old using Newspaper Pine Pellets.

***Puppy Training and Socialization:*** Beyond housebreaking, there are many more things you will need to teach your dog. Start by working on socialization right away. Leash training will set the stage for teaching basic commands, like sit, come and stay.

These basic commands can help you curb some behavior problems. Just remember that puppies are curious, active and teething. They put everything in their mouths, including your hands! Work with this by replacing the inappropriate object with an acceptable toy or safe chew. Distract your dog from mischievous behavior by offering something more pleasing, like a game, walk or other activity. Reward your puppy with treats and/or praise for shifting his attention. Puppy training can be a challenge, but the outcome will make your efforts worthwhile. We highly recommend the online puppy school, we will send you more info soon.

# 44 TIPS FOR NEW PUPPY OWNERS

When you bring a puppy home, you are suddenly faced with obnoxious puppy behavior like whining, biting, jumping, chewing, and pooping on the carpet. If you've done any research at all, you know that proper care and training is critical during a puppy's first few months. The things your puppy experiences now are going to affect him for the rest of his life. No pressure, right? Between managing the puppy's destructive tendencies, worrying about stuff like vaccinations and socialization, and dealing with well-intentioned but often incorrect advice from friends, family, and TV shows, a puppy parent can get a little overwhelmed.

# 44 TIPS FOR NEW PUPPY OWNERS

Here are some bite-sized puppy tips to get you through the next few months.

- 1.** Get a crate. It makes housetraining incredibly easy. Buy one that will work when your puppy is full grown.
- 2.** Let your puppy sleep in a separate room from the first night. We have already started this for you. Let them learn their independence while you get to sleep.
- 3.** Baby gates are your friend. Use them to keep the puppy out of places you don't want him to destroy.
- 4.** Supervise, supervise, supervise. If you cannot watch him like a hawk, he needs to be in his crate or in his "exercise," see below.
- 5.** Set up a puppy room for when you can't supervise. Pick a small area like the bathroom or kitchen, block it off with an exercise pen. Add a bed and a "Potty Tray".
- 6.** Pick a potty spot. If you don't want Sparky pooping all over the yard as an adult, pick one area and take him directly there when it's potty time after the 2nd vaccine.
- 7.** Set a daily routine. Housetraining goes easiest if your puppy knows what to expect from her day.
- 8.** Enroll in a puppy class. Your pup will learn some basic obedience, but the real benefit of puppy classes is socialization with other puppies and people.
- 9.** Don't believe everything you read on the internet. Not all advice is good advice. Take everything with a grain of salt.
- 10.** Make sure everyone is on the same page. Discuss the puppy rules with your whole family. Figure out who will do what when. Pick one set of training cues and stick with them.

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- 11.** Play some puppy training games.
- 12.** Don't encourage behavior that you'll regret when he gets big. (jumping etc).
- 13.** Get your pup used to handling from day one, touching feet, nails, tail, ears, mouth, teeth, and belly with love. Do "on the back training" daily. Your vet will thank you.
- 14.** Start grooming early on. For the same reason as above.
- 15.** Let your puppy meet at least two new (friendly and gentle) people every day.
- 16.** Take your puppy to the pet store. Great socialization opportunity. Keep her in your arms and off the floor or cart until she's had all her puppy shots.
- 17.** Introduce your pup to all kinds of novel things. People in funny hats. Remote control cars. Kids playing. Agility equipment. Balloons. Cats. Car rides.
- 18.** Socialize, don't traumatize. Introduce new experiences slowly and never let your puppy get overwhelmed.
- 19.** Invite friends and family to meet-the-puppy parties.
- 20.** Frozen wet washcloths and baby carrots make great chews for teething puppies.
- 21.** Reward good behavior, don't wait for bad behavior. Reward the puppy when you see him doing something you like. Don't wait until he's misbehaving to give him attention.
- 22.** Avoid the dog park till 4-5 months. In addition to putting your under vaccinated puppy at risk for disease, most dogs at the dog park are quite rude by canine standards. A couple bad experiences could ruin your puppy's opinion of her own species.

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- 23.** Feed 3-4 small meals per day. Don't leave food out for her to graze on.
- 24.** Pick up anything you don't want destroyed. If it's on the floor, it WILL be chewed.
- 25.** Get your puppy microchipped. It's your best chance at being reunited with your lost pup. Scratch that! We now do it for free. Our name and your name is already registered on your baby's microchip. We can help find you if your phone number changes etc. Chip will be released to you fully after spay/neuter is complete.
- 26.** Focus on what you want, not what you don't want. For example, teach your puppy to sit when greeting people. Don't just yell at her for jumping up.
- 27.** Watch your puppy's poops. Disgusting? Yes. But it could save your puppy's life. If you notice anything like diarrhea or blood, take your puppy for a vet visit ASAP.
- 28.** Provide toys. If you provide her with her own toys, she's less likely to chew on yours (ha! Yeah right. It's worth a shot, though).
- 29.** Make your own toys. Like kids who'd rather play with the box than with the toy that came in it, puppies are usually happier chewing on an empty plastic water bottle than an expensive store-bought toy.
- 30.** Rotate through the toys. Let your puppy have two or three toys at a time. Changing up the toy selection will keep Sparky interested.
- 31.** Treat-dispensing toys make great puppy sitters.
- 32.** If you think your puppy needs to go potty at all, don't hesitate to take him outside! You'd be surprised how often puppies need to go.
- 33.** Practice separation. As tempting as it is, don't let Sparky be glued to your side all day. Letting your puppy have time to himself in his crate or room will help prevent separation anxiety. So important!!

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**34.** Hellos and Goodbyes should be no big deal. Don't make a fuss over your pup when you leave or come home. Again, prevents separation anxiety.

**35.** Don't get offended when your puppy chews on you. Puppies bite. Sometimes painfully. It is NOT aggression, they are teething.. Let them nibble and if it hurts yell ouch!! They will stop and be sorry right away.

**36.** Don't use ammonia-based cleaners. Your puppy will think it smells like urine and it will actually encourage her to pee there again. Use an enzymatic cleaner like pawTree Urine Eliminator- Stain & Odor Remover.

**37.** Visit the vet. You'll need an appointment for the 9, 12, & 16 week vaccines.

**38.** As a general rule of thumb, the number of hours a puppy can "hold it" is his age in months plus one. So a two month old puppy should be crated for a maximum of three hours at a time (during the day. When they sleep at night, puppies can usually hold it for longer).

**39.** Leave the TV or radio on when you leave your puppy home alone.

**40.** Teach good leash manners early. Better to teach your puppy to walk nice on leash than to teach your adult dog to stop pulling on leash.

**41.** Remember that your puppy is a baby – don't ask too much of her. Don't worry about whether she'll perform a perfect sit/stay or heel. Plenty of time for that when she's older. Focus on socialization and having fun.

**42.** Take lots of pictures. Puppyhood goes by SO fast.

**43.** Be prepared for your pup to become an obnoxious little brat around age 6-10 months. Adolescence is even more challenging than puppyhood. Have fun with your teenage dog!

**44.** Don't over exert your puppy. You can quickly overwork your puppy and this will make her very sick!! If you see him panting, it's time for a drink in some air conditioning. We always recommend at least 5 naps daily just like infants.

# First day with your puppy:

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**Outdoor playtime:** Keep in mind that MOST veterinarians recommend you do not let your puppy outside on the grass, wood, or concrete until 24 hrs after their second round of shots. We will paper/pellet train your puppy and put them on their potty pan as soon as they're done eating or drinking. They'll have all had their first round of shots and two wormings. Please find their vet paperwork in the paper we provide on adoption day. Also, it is important that they do not get chilled/overheated since they are so little. So limit outdoor playtime when the weather is not great. Parvo can live rampant in soil for 10 years after it has been infected. This is the disease that you would want to be concerned about when letting your puppy out before the second vaccinations. They can pick up parvo from the floor at your vet or from the shopping cart at the pet store. Birds can carry Parvo into your yard. So just use extra caution until all shots are done. I've been known to bring Lysol Wipes to the Vet when I bring my babies!

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**Feeding:** We'll have them on pawTree puppy food. Most of them will be eating well and some of them will need encouragement. They will have some sadness in the first few days because they will miss their siblings. That will show in what and how much they eat. If necessary, I like to fill the bottom of a very small bowl with one layer of dry food, about  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup. Then I top with very hot water and let sit for 10 minutes. I completely cover the food with water. Before serving, give it a little stir and if needed add some very warm water to the top or canned moist puppy food, (any brand it's just to entice them.) They are attracted to the water and start to drink and then realize the food is yummy too.

If you need to encourage your puppy to eat, hand feed them a few pieces of food, once it's in their mouth they are happy to swallow it. When they are in a group setting, such as with their siblings, they eat quickly because they think there is a competition for food but sometimes when they are alone, they take their time and don't eat as much as they should. If they are eating well, we recommend you let them eat as much as they want in 20 mins, then pick it up. If they are being finicky, hand feed as often as possible until they get the hang of it with you. Water should be available constantly. As always as soon as you feed or water you want to put them in the litter pan so they know where you would like them to use the bathroom. For the long term we use pawTree Puppy food. It's a little bit more expensive but they end up eating way less because they get more nutrients out of it. It also is easier on their system, and less poop to clean up out of the yard! Much more nutritional value in the long run.

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**Care bags:** In each bag, we provide some items we love. As well as your vaccine information, vet puppy folder, and some special goodies. Paperwork is for you to show your vet in the event they want to see which brand of vaccinations your puppy received. I have also enclosed the dates in which they've had shots and deworming, and due dates up to their first birthday.

**First vet appointment:** When you are at your first vet appointment please remember to schedule their spay or neuter appointment by their six month birthday. This is very important for females especially because it will prevent ovarian cancer & mammary cancer and many other cancers in males as well. I will be sending everyone a paper to take along from their first vet appointment here with me. Remember you have signed a contract stating "pet only", and that you will not be breeding this puppy. Microchip information will be permanently signed over as soon as we receive proof of spay/neuter from your vet.

**Worming:** Worming schedule will be listed on your paper as well. This is something you can do at home if you'd like. Just get your wormer from the supply list we sent you. You'll need it right after they come home so be sure to order and have it on hand right away. We like to use the Nemex brand for puppies and Safeguard for adults. We use Heartworm Free (HWF) as a natural alternative to the chemical heartworm preventative. We stock it here and most people just grab a bottle at pick up.

**Flea/tick Meds:** We recommend Claws & Paws Flea & Tick, and that is what we use here Monday, Weds, & Friday flea season or not. It's safe for puppies and we use it on bedding and rugs as well. We stock it here as well and most people pick up a bottle or two on adoption day.

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**Crate training:** It's important to continue crate training on day 1. The crate will be a safe place and you will eventually find them going in there for naps just because they enjoy it. We recommend they sleep in a crate at night and take 5 daily naps as well. Include their litter pan and heartbeat puppy. This also helps with potty training. As soon as they come out of the crate, we put their feet in the potty pan so they know it's time to use the bathroom. Cover the crate with a dark blanket and keep the crate out of your bedroom so you can sleep! There's no need to go to them if they cry for the first couple of nights as they have everything they need. This is a very important time for them to learn independence.

**Exercise pen:** Keep their world small. When not in your arms or being closely watched by you, an exercise pen is perfect. It gives them some independence and it also helps tremendously with potty training. Keep their litter pan within 5 feet from them at all times. If they can't see it, they won't use it. Establish this area as your safe place for them. Include a bed, covered kennel, potty pan, water bowl and some high-value toys.

**Grooming:** It's best to wait until after the 16 week vaccination before you take your puppy in for their first grooming. At this point, they are most able to fight off any disease they would pick up at the groomer. Their immunity is well built by now. We recommend grooming your puppy every 6-8 weeks and at that time the groomer will also take care of ears and nails as well.

**Vaccines:** Kennel cough is not recommended unless you are planning to board your puppy. Please use your due diligence in researching the Lepto vaccine. It has the highest incident of reaction of all. It is similar to the flu and only covers a few strains. If you are not in a really wet (pond/non moving water) area with wildlife around, think twice. We don't recommend any of the additional vaccines, too much risk for not enough benefit. We do the Rabies and the 5 way vaccines. That's it!

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**Microchip:** We microchip all the puppies before they leave here. Most responsible breeders set it up so that we are always the secondary person on the chip in the event that the owner can't be found. If you can't be found, we will always take the puppy back, even if it's 15 years from now. I don't ever want any of our babies going to the pound. We sign over full microchip rights after spay/ neuter is completed. Please send us proof of spay/neuter when it's completed. We use nano chips and dual register on [www.nanochip.com](http://www.nanochip.com) and [www.foundanimals.com](http://www.foundanimals.com).

These are just some random thoughts, you will learn a lot more in your puppy books. Please feel free to ask any questions you have along the way. We are always here for you and anything that you need. Please keep in touch and tag us in pictures so we can watch your little one grow!! We would be so very honored if you'd consider leaving us a Facebook review if you are pleased with your baby!

**Lastly, we are here for you long after adoption day! We are your lifetime support and we want to help you through every step of the way. Let us know what questions you may have!**

**Congratulations on your sweet little puppy!!**