

First Few Nights At Home

FEEDING

Offer your new puppy a meal and water when you get home and before bedtime. Detailed feeding instructions are in your new puppy folder. **Don't panic** if your little one doesn't eat for the first day or two but certainly contact us and your vet's office if it persists. The **NUTRI-CAL** in your gift bag can be used if your puppy is not eating. Honey and/or peanut butter are other alternatives. Try chicken soup broth if not drinking water. Please read and follow the information regarding Hypoglycemia also in your new puppy folder. Text us for fast response!

SLEEPING

We **HIGHLY** suggest that you keep up your puppy's kennel training. Your puppy will have already been transitioned to a kennel and sleeping on his/her own and away from littermates before coming to the new home. The first night that your new puppy sleeps on your bed with you, that's it! **The game is over!** CONGRATULATIONS! You will now have a bed partner for the rest of your dog's life. ☺ This does make traveling or having someone else dog sit more difficult, so please consider the long-term effects. Your puppy will quiet down and settle into their new home within a couple of days. We promise! If you must, try bringing the kennel into your bedroom. As they get older, you can easily flip flop their bedtime routine.

TRAINING

CONSISTENCY IS KEY!

Unfortunately, thousands of dogs end up in rescue kennels because they are not properly trained, the owner was not prepared and/or didn't make the commitment to be consistent with training. While puppy behaviors such as "*jumping up on you*" is really cute when they are puppies, this can become annoying as they grow into adults especially if you are all dressed up ready to go out somewhere or you have visitors in your home. Please follow and be consistent with the recommended training commands that your advice training book or training class suggests. Teach family members that will be around the puppy so they can follow the training work you have started. **Your puppy needs consistency, not mixed signals.**

HOME ALONE

Always contain your puppy in a safe enclosure area or kennel with access to water and a bed. This will save you the frustration of coming home to a mess or possible injuries to your puppy.

STAY STRONG and enforce your house rules with your new puppy.

BE PATIENT as your new puppy is still very young and your home is a strange new place.

***** Remember that dogs are pack animals, and you are their new "pack leader" so they will always want to be with you, love you, please you and look to you for direction. ☺**