

Puppy Care At A Glance

Feeding	Should be fed 3x's daily until 6 months of age then 2x's daily.
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Water	Puppies should have access to water at all times during the day. Restrict water intake after 7 p.m. in order to assist with nighttime crate training.
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Daily Training	Basic obedience training should be started as soon as you receive your puppy. The most important commands are "sit", "heel", "down", and "stay" to ensure a well behaved dog. Use treats to reinforce training.
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Exercise	It is very important that your puppy receive lots of daily play time and opportunities to burn off energy. A happy puppy means a happy family!
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Crates	Highly encouraged as a way to help with potty training, and to provide your puppy his own place to "chill out" and to sleep. The crate should never be used for disciplining your puppy and should only be used at nighttime and for brief periods during the day when puppy is young.
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Brushing	Your puppy needs to become familiar with all the grooming tools that will be used when his coat is longer and requires more care. At least once or twice a week use a soft brush on the coat. As the coat grows, move to a slicker brush and use at least twice weekly.
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Nails	Trim your puppy's nails at least every other week to keep the quick from growing and the nails getting too long. If you are not comfortable doing this on your own, have a groomer or vet do it. If you neglect the nails, they will grow too long and present a serious risk for tears that can result in expensive vet bills.
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Ears	Check weekly and use an ear cleaner on a cotton ball, then a drying powder to take care of moisture. If the hair needs to be plucked in the ear, do this at least monthly or have a groomer do it.
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Teeth	Provide your puppy lots of hard chew toys such as cow hooves, or marrow bones. These will help to keep the teeth clean. Brush with a doggie tooth brush at least twice monthly.
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Bathing	Brush all mats in the coat out thoroughly first. Use a mild puppy shampoo (not human shampoo) such as an oatmeal based shampoo. Bathe at least monthly, or more frequently as needed. Rinse thoroughly! Towel dry and brush again.
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