

New Puppy Orientation

- Your puppy will NOT have sufficient immunity to canine viruses until his 3rd puppy booster. Do NOT take your puppy anywhere there are other unvaccinated dogs such as dog parks, family, or friends until after the 3rd puppy booster. Professionally offered Obedience classes are allowable. These participants must provide proof of vaccinations for class attendance. Make sure your other pets are current on their vaccinations.
- They have had their first Vaccination at 7 weeks of age, and they will need another at 10 and one more at 13. If you miss one you will have to start over.
- They will need a Rabies shot at 16 wks. The groomer will require proof of rabies vaccination.
- Give Heart Worm medicine once a month May through November if residing in areas with frigid temperatures during winter months. Otherwise, 12 months a year.
- Do not feed or water your puppy after 6:00 pm. Take your puppy outside at bedtime to potty and then crate at night. They will not mess in their crate. Your puppy can hold their bladder for about 8 hrs. Take outside first thing in the morning.
- Have your pup potty outside before you take him inside for the first time and then always take him to that same spot. Do not give him free range of house. Leash him to you when inside, otherwise restrict him to a crate or small area.

- Do not over feed your puppy. Purchase premium puppy food and never a Grocery Store brand. Genetics only account for about 35% of a dog's performance with the other 65% nutrition, training and management. Malnutrition is a stealth disorder which causes many permanent health conditions and shortens life span. I recommend watching the documentary PETFOOLeD.
- It is necessary to control the rate of growth. Feed twice a day. Leave food out for 20 min then pick it up. Excessive calories and too rapid of growth can lead to abnormal pelvic and hip development.
- Do not go running with your puppy until growth plates are closed at 18 months. Regular "puppy play" and short are sufficient until then. This, too, can lead to abnormal pelvic and hip development.
- The puppies are teething. I recommend having plenty of bully sticks, pig hooves, antlers or other chew toys on hand always, as well as Bitter Apple spray to deter chewing on personal items.
- Neuter prior to 6 months to avoid developing marking behavior in males.
- www.puppculture.com is an excellent site for information on any puppy related topic. "When Pigs Fly" is an excellent training resource by Jane Killion. Obedience and puppy manner training create extraordinary dogs and happy owners.
- We will always have a Welcome Back policy. You may return your dog at any age for any reason, and we will re-home if you can no longer care for them. (No refund of purchase)

If you have any questions, we will be happy to provide you with breeder support and we welcome pictures as they grow. Maya.ostler@gmail.com

Remember that they are just babies!