



ORIENTATION:

A Pre- Puppy-Pickup Presentation

RESOURCE CENTER

Puppy Portal:

www.dogguides.com/fosterfamilies

Password: fosterpw





SUPPLIES

Items to have before puppy comes home

- Flat collar
 - Size Small
- Leash
 - 6 foot
 - Non retractable
- Stainless steel food and water bowls
- Thin mat or blanket
- Poop bags
- Clean up kit
- Toys

Appropriate Toys

- Size appropriate
 - Easy to hold, impossible to swallow
- Material
 - Variable
 - Durable
 - Gentle on teeth
- Appropriate play style
- Recommended brands
 - Kong – Medium red, supervised & cleaned properly
 - WestPaw
 - JW
 - Tonka
 - Jump
 - Outward Hound



Toys to Avoid

- Too small or too big
- Toys that encourage inappropriate play
 - Tug
 - Obsessions
- Easily destroyed
 - Vinyl
 - Fabric
 - Rope
- Damaging to teeth
 - Benebone (adult)
 - Nylabone (adult)



Treats

- Stay consistent, kibble only for the first 4 months.
- More complex ingredients can upset stomach
- Introduce 1 different treat at a time
 - Try similar ingredients first
- Small taste sized, not big to chew
- Recommended
 - Freeze Dried – liver, fish, etc.
 - Training Treats – Crumps, Zukes,
- Avoid
 - Large dry cookies – milkbone
 - Human food – veggies, fruit, bones





THE ENVIRONMENT

Setting up your space

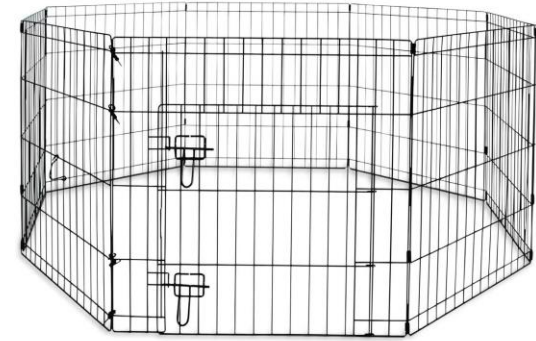
Puppies get into everything and it's up to us to set up for success and manage it

- Crate
 - Place in common area mid-level activity
 - Easily accessible to outside door
- Water
 - Accessible at all times, or offered frequently at meals and activity.
 - Could have multiple water bowls with small amounts of water
- Gates
 - Pups should not roam your entire home, create ways to block off areas you cannot supervise or do not want your puppy in



Management Tools

- Umbilical tethering
- Directly supervised tethering stations
- X-pens
- Baby gates
- Crates
- Baby monitors/smart cams
- Long lines



Indoor Hazards

If you don't want it accessible to a baby, you don't want it accessible to a puppy!

Puppies explore the world with their mouths and there are many things that can be very dangerous

- Electrical cords & Cords from blinds
- Medication & cleaning products
- Feminine hygiene products & Diapers
- Small clothing
- Plants
- Cat Litter
- Marijuana
- Garbage



Outdoor Hazards - outside

Hard to control external environment so management and avoidance is key

Things to avoid

- Mulch & Sticks
- Rocks & Gravel
- Cigarette butts
- Animal stool
- Garbage & Yard waste
- Plants



Food Hazards

Call vet clinic or the emergency cell if your puppy ingest any of these

- Chocolate
- Raisins and grapes
- Avocados
- Onions and garlic
- Cooked and uncooked bones
- Xylitol (artificial sweetener)





EXPECTATIONS

Important reminders

Pups are going away from their siblings for the first time and away from the only place they've ever known.

That is BIG and SCARY!

Let's ensure our expectations are appropriate of our pups abilities or else we will all end up frustrated

Important reminders

1. Puppies will have accidents
 - Keep enzymatic cleaners on hand
 - Pee pads are very absorbent – only for clean ups
2. Puppies will not sleep through the night
 - Take water up 2 hours before bed
 - Follow their lead, may need to be up 2-3 times a night
 - By 3 months should be up no more than 1 time a night
 - By 4 months should sleep through the night
3. Puppies will cry in their crate
 - Okay to stay close for a week or so
 - Okay to let them cry sometimes





FIRST DAY

Getting Home

This is a big day for your puppy

- Go straight home
- Crated in the car is safest method of travel
 - Carrier provided if needed
- Second person can hold or sit in back seat
- Pup never travels in front seat



Starting a Routine

Although all we want to do is cuddle, get started into a schedule right away!

Feed on consistent schedule

- Naps on consistent schedule
- Outside on leash every 30 minutes
 - This will build duration 45 – 60 minutes within 2 weeks
- Keep track of the schedule, accidents etc. This will set you up for success





EARLY TRAINING

House Training

Pups have never lived in a home before so they don't know where they are supposed to "busy busy"

- Do not punish accidents inside
 - Our pups don't "know better" or learn it is wrong
 - Clean up and start over
 - Enzymatic cleaners will help to break down scents that may linger



House Training

- Take pups out every 30 min
 - On leash
 - Same spot
- Reward with kibble when they successfully busy busy!
 - Wait until they are finished
 - If they don't go, head back to the crate for 10 minutes then try again
- After 3-4 days of not having accidents start to extend your window



Crate Training

- Whining is normal, panic is not
 - Ebb and flow of cry
 - Duration of cry
 - Movement
- Introduce the crate on day 1 and practice every day
 - You sit by the front with door open
 - Toss treat in
 - Pup will follow treat, eat and exit
 - Build to closing and opening door
- 3-5 day time naps are essential in the crate (30-60mins)



Introducing Loose Leash

Start introducing equipment right away

- Attach leash to pups collar, let leash drag on the floor, show the puppy you have kibble and lure them away, every 3 steps reward with a kibble
- Practice inside your home
 - Build up to personal outdoor space



Reward often

- Encourage them to walk on your left

What is in your red bag?



- Blanket
- Toy
- Poop Bags
- Id Card
- Fortiflora Packages
- Litter Schedule*
- Halti
- Puppy Jacket
- Nexgard



X1 Litter – Born: November 19th 2024

(Xaren, Xoe, Xach)

Dam/Sire: Yasmin x PWAC Elroy

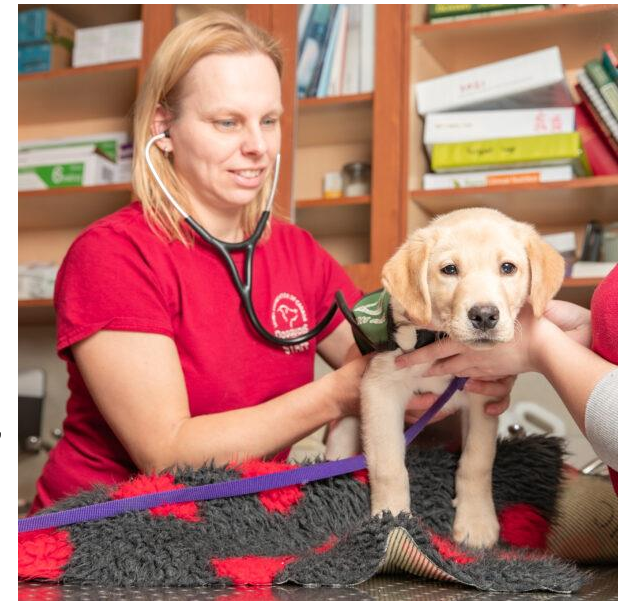
AGE	TASK	DATE & TIME	TASK LOCATION
8 Weeks	48 hours check in - your puppy rep will give you a call to check in	Jan 17 th 2025	Phone or email
8 Weeks	Dog Body Language Zoom Class (MANDATORY)	Jan 21 st 2025 @ 12:00pm	Zoom - link will be emailed to you
9 Weeks	FUNDamentals Zoom Class (MANDATORY)	Jan 29 th 2025 @ 11am	Zoom - link will be emailed to you
10 Weeks	Handling Zoom Class (MANDATORY)	February 4 th 2025 @ 11am	Zoom - link will be emailed to you
10 weeks	2 nd vaccine appointment (DHLPP & Lepto)	Tuesday, January 28 th 2025	(see chart next page)
11 Weeks	Manners Zoom Class (MANDATORY)	February 12 th 2025 @ 11am	Zoom - link will be emailed to you
12 weeks	Training Games Zoom Class (MANDATORY)	February 19 th 2025 @ 11am	Zoom - link will be emailed to you
3 months	Check in call and possible home visit: your puppy rep will contact you. (MANDATORY)	February 2025 (Exact date/time to be determined)	Phone and/or Foster home
14 weeks	3 rd vaccine appointment (DHLPP & Rabies)	Tuesday, February 25 th 2025	(see chart next page)

5 months	Home Visit – Your Puppy Rep will contact you to schedule a visit to meet with you in your home and see how your puppy is doing and how training is progressing	April 2025 (Exact date/time to be scheduled with puppy rep)	Foster home
6 months	Switch to 2 meals a day (breakfast & dinner)	May 19 th 2025	
7 months	Mall visit – your puppy rep will reach out to schedule a date/time (MANDATORY)	June 2025 (Exact date/time to be determined)	Local mall
10 months	Switch to adult kibble	September 19 2025	
10- 11 months	Pre-recall assessment – your puppy rep will reach out to schedule a date/time (MANDATORY)	September/October 2025 (Exact date/time to be determined)	Home visit

Puppy's Health

Puppies health and wellness is our top priority

- Diet
 - provided by us and requiring approx. Monthly pick up
- Vaccines
 - vet visit at 10 and 14 weeks for vaccines
- Parasite control
 - Edible tablets provided year round for pups to prevent flea, tick, heartworm and other parasites. Pups need a yearly blood test
- Exercise
 - Joints are easily injured, consider the type of exercise you are providing
 - Needs change as pups mature – not linear
 - General rule: 5 minutes per month of life 2x/day



Grooming Poodles

Grooming is important to prevent painful matting, maintain healthy coat/skin, avoid infections (eye or ear) and to ensure their overall health and comfort

Poodles should be:

- brushed at least 3x weekly
- bathed (shampooed and conditioned) bi monthly
- groomed every 4-6 weeks

*Please contact Heather Staunton for grooming needs



FINAL REMINDERS

Reminders

Do

- Use lots of kibble rewards
- Snuggle and handle when calm and tired
- Practice training for 2-3 minutes multiple times a day
- Follow a schedule and give puppy naps
- Ask for and reward sit/down for attention
- Allow them to say hi to others if they are sitting or down

Don't

- Feed people food
- Over-handle our pups when busy or overtired
- Practice skills for 20+ minutes
- Give pup freedom in the home until they're trustworthy
- Pet or reward for putting paws up on you
- Let puppy bark excessively
- Allow pup to greet anyone when pulling

FOSTER PUPPY PARTNERS GOALS

- Description: Foster Puppy Partners (FPP) are experienced foster families willing to support new foster families as they embark on their fostering journey.
- FPPS will be a welcome wagon for new fosters.
- Reassurance
- Checking in by phone calls, texts, emails, meet ups
- Introduce new fosters to local DG community



This is a marathon not a sprint!

Our sincerest thanks for bringing home this puppy and nurturing them to grow into a potential Dog Guide who will make a difference to Canadians living with disabilities.



QUESTIONS?