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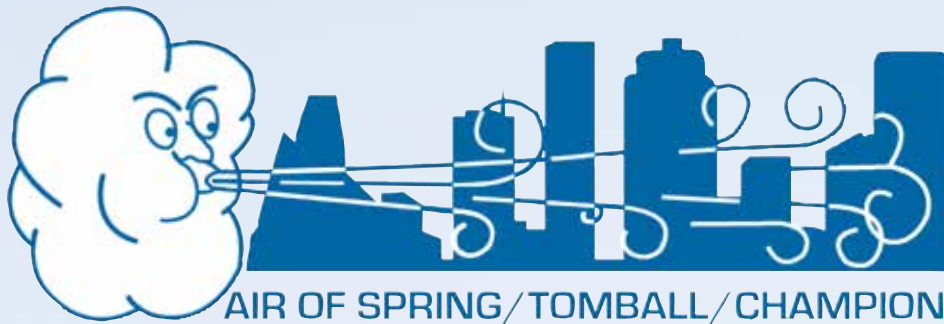
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Puppy Essentials



Four paws and a wagging tail has arrived home and now you wonder what you need to do to make it easy for your new furry one to adapt to their new family.

Here are some tips that will help you and your pup:

Start with a Small Puppy-Proofed Area

Select an area of your home with enough space for your puppy to walk around and rest. A playpen will help you limit the access the puppy can have to the rest of the house.

Puppies are babies that are learning as they interact with you. In their playpen, they can be comfortable and explore without getting into something that has not been puppy proofed. Letting them roam free around the house can overload their senses and be scary. Start with a puppy-proof area and work your way up from there.

Potty Training

House training is one of the hardest things to teach your puppy. Start it off as soon as you get home by taking them to their outside potty place.

If your puppy is too distracted with all the new smells

and objects in your backyard, toss some treats on the grass and let them search for them. Sniffing the grass while looking for treats will help them go potty. Be patient and when they go potty outside, praise them, and reward them with a treat. They'll soon catch on and be excited to go outside to do their business!



Where should my puppy sleep?

The first night of your puppy at home is the first time they have been away from mom and littermates. For the first few nights, your puppy will need time to adjust to being without their mom. Wherever you decide to settle them in your house, it's a good idea to spend the first few nights in the same room with them so they don't wake up in a panic because no-one is there.

The recommended space for your puppy to sleep should be a crate. You can use a blanket or bedding to make it cozier. I am a fan of giving my pups, during those first weeks, a stuffed dog toy with a "Real-Feel" heartbeat called, The Original Snuggle Puppy. It provides comfort and helps during that transition when they are adjusting to their new home.

Your house is their new world, and their mouth is like our hands and they use it to explore; just like a baby they can easily get into things. Be sure to have everything they might get into put away while they learn what is a toy and what is not.

Remember they are learning and growing with you, so training is key to establish a line of communication between you and your dog. Training gives you the tools to ask your puppy to perform the desired behaviors and teach your puppy how to correctly respond.

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The intense heat of summer causes your roof shingles to expand, and as the evening cools down, they contract. This constant cycle of thermal expansion and contraction can gradually weaken the shingles over time. The repeated stress can lead to cracks, blistering, and curling, compromising the integrity of your roof and making it more susceptible to leaks.

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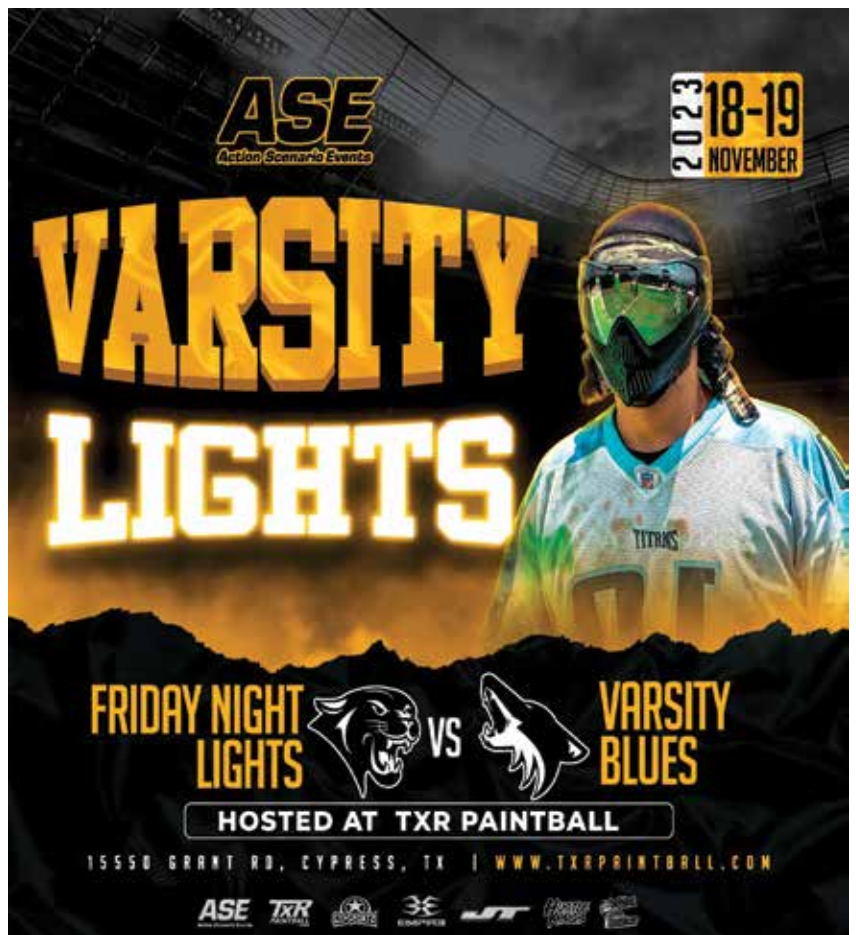
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Christmas Toffee

1 cup sugar
1 cup butter or margarine
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup semisweet chocolate chips
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely chopped pecans

Heat sugar, butter and water to boiling in heavy 2-quart saucepan, stirring constantly; reduce heat to medium. Cook about 13 minutes, stirring constantly, to 300°F on candy thermometer or until small amount of mixture dropped into cup of very cold water separates into hard, brittle threads.

Immediately pour toffee onto ungreased large cookie sheet. If necessary, quickly spread mixture to $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch thickness. Sprinkle with chocolate chips; let stand about 1 minute or until chips are completely softened. Spread softened chocolate evenly over toffee. Sprinkle with pecans.

Let stand at room temperature about 1 hour, or refrigerate if desired, until firm. Break into bite-size pieces. Store in airtight container.



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