

## **Puppy recommendations**

Welcome to our Miami Regal Blues family. You can refer to this document for tips and tricks to make your puppies transition into your home much easier.

### **Things you will need**

#### **Living**

Your puppy will need a space that will feel theirs. It's important to crate train puppies because in case of emergencies the crate can travel with them and they can feel at ease in it no matter where they are. It can also keep them from ingesting something that can be poisonous or dangerous to them such as electric cables, chemicals or things with stuffing, etc.

We recommend a playpen because it allows for potty training and it's easier to clean giving them more room to have sort of their own little penthouse.

Please avoid allowing your puppy to jump off furniture, stairs, bed, etc as this can cause long term injury to their vertebrae and spine. Puppy is to be kept in a well ventilated area not located directly under air conditioner vent. French bulldogs are to live inside the house! No exceptions!!

### **Homes with other pets and children**

You know your pets and children better than anyone else but we recommend practicing safety when introducing new puppy to other pets as they could act territorial. It is a good idea to have someone in the family hold the puppy and another family member pet the older pet and introduce puppy slowly. Do not leave alone together until it's been well established that they get along and are not dangerous to one another. Specially during feeding time it is wise to observe any behavior of aggression and separate if necessary until it is established both pets are safe.

With young children it is best to supervise to avoid puppy falling off arms, being handled too roughly, feeding something harmful or potentially falling off furniture. Even with older children they can be forgetful and could be distracted when taking puppy out to potty etc so it's best to be on guard even if making them think they are in charge ;)

### **Potty training**

Your puppy is likely trained to go on a turf carpet, litter box or pad holder grid. Please keep this area clean for them as they will start having accidents out of it if it is too dirty. If puppy is being trained outside be sure to inspect the area prior to letting puppy out to make sure it is clear from frogs, snakes and other animals that can cause harm to them. It is recommended to scoop poop and throw away in trash right after puppy goes to avoid flies that carry diseases such as parvo virus etc. under no circumstances are puppies to be left outside unsupervised, specially in the heat. If dog is going in open area or unfenced yard they are to be in a leash and harness at all times!! Even if your puppy is trained to not leave your side there have been many cases of another dog who is not trained attacking your dog and causing harm and often even death with accumulated high vet bills. Please think of your dog as a baby.

### **Eating**

We recommend Royal Canin small puppy kibble. This kibble can be pre soaked in water to soften or be fed as it is. Please DO NOT give table food to dogs. You can google a list of dog safe fruits and veggies but lots of foods that are acceptable for humans contain ingredients that can be deadly to dogs. These same fruits and veggies can be used for training instead of treats since most of the treats on the market contain so many ingredients that are upsetting to

frenchie tummies. They will prefer a bowl that is wide and not too high since frenchies have a flat face they are not fans of having to smooch their faces into food. We recommend glass or stainless steel bowls to avoid bacteria accumulation. This bowl is to be washed daily. Food is to be placed at the recommended times... if they don't eat it then food is put away until the next meal. We do not recommend leaving food out since it messes with their eating schedule and can create a rodent and critter problem in your home. For water a similar bowl or hamster water bottle is recommended.

## **Bedding**

Bedding should be washed frequently and kept clean. If puppy is showing signs of breaking apart bedding it is best to use non stuffed bedding such as mat or towel to keep from ingesting stuffing accidentally.

## **Toys**

Toys should be made from rubber. Avoid any stuffed toys or toys that have small parts that can be ingested by puppy. Pigs ears and similar chewing toys are not recommended because they are known to accumulate in stomach for a long period of time causing intestinal issues.

## **Grooming**

You should clean your dogs wrinkles, paws, bum and pee pee with a wet paper towel daily. Avoid wipes with chemicals that over time can irritate your dogs skin. It is a good idea to moisturized snout, paws and wrinkles with paw soothing products recommended in puppy supply list.

Bathing is recommended to be avoided when possible since the coat is stripped from the natural oils protecting it when bathing. General bathing guideline is recommended monthly to every other month.

Nails should be trimmed weekly. No exceptions. Long nails deform the paws and cause long term problems. If you are not comfortable trimming yourself you can take to a professional such as vet or groomer.

## **Deworming and vaccines**

Deworming in puppies is recommended monthly until dog is 6 months old. After this, as recommended by vet. A fecal exam can also be submitted to vet to confirm if deworming is needed. Whenever deworming we recommend also giving probiotics. You can find suggestions in puppy supply list.

Your puppy will have 1 vaccine before going home and should have 4 core vaccines by the time they reach 4 months. PUPPIES ARE NOT TO VISIT PARKS, BOARDING FACILITIES, FLOORING OF PUBLIC PLACE WITHOUT ALL VACCINATIONS. Also use caution when family, friends or neighbors bring other dogs around puppies missing their vaccines as their immune systems are still susceptible to diseases other dogs can be carriers of and not be affected because they could be immune.

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