



Complete 8-Week Chihuahua Puppy Care Sheet

Essential Guidelines for Rehoming an Ultra-Toy Breed

This comprehensive care sheet covers critical biological vulnerabilities, household hazards, environmental adjustments, and management protocols for your 8-week-old vet-examined and vaccinated Chihuahua puppy. Adhering strictly to these instructions is required to stabilize your puppy during transition and prevent preventable health crises.

Tiny Paws LLC operates entirely via digital clickwrap execution. The Adopter explicitly acknowledges, agrees, and certifies that by checking our mandatory website agreement box and placing a financial deposit constitutes a binding digital signature. By clicking the "I Agree" Box, the Adopter confirms and certifies they have read the published forms on the Tinypawslc.com website:

- * All eight (8) pages of Puppy Adoption Agreement
- * The Home Visit Waiver
- * The Non-Refundable Deposit Statement
- * The Chihuahua Puppy Care Sheet



Critical Risk #1: Environmental Hypoglycemia (Sudden Blood Sugar Crashes)

Because 8-week-old Chihuahuas are an ultra-toy breed, they have tiny livers that cannot store large amounts of glycogen. Stress from moving, over-handling, or missing a single meal can cause a fatal blood sugar drop within hours.

If your puppy refuses food at its scheduled afternoon meal, **immediate intervention is required**. Waiting until evening to see if their appetite improves can result in an irreversible metabolic crash, seizures, coma, or death overnight.



Emergency Sugar Response Protocol

- **Watch for Red Flags:** Glassy eyes, staggering, shivering, extreme lethargy, or weakness.

Immediate Treatment:

- Ensure puppy is warm by wrapping in blanket or towel
 - Rub a pea-sized amount of **Tomlyn Nutri-Cal** gel or emergency glucose (pure honey, brown sugar paste, maple syrup, or Karo syrup) directly onto the puppy's gums. Do not force them to swallow; it absorbs straight through the mucous membranes. It may be necessary to continue rubbing puppy's gums for up to 30 minutes.
 - **Follow Up:** Once alert, immediately feed the puppy a warm slurry of kibble or high-calorie wet food. If they remain unresponsive or refuse to eat after 15 minutes, transport them immediately to an emergency veterinary hospital.
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Critical Risk #2: Household Physical Hazards & Trauma

Due to their microscopic size and fragile bone structure, 8-week-old Chihuahua puppies face severe, life-threatening risks from everyday household activities. Extreme spatial awareness is required by all household members.

Underfoot & Tripping Hazards

Chihuahua puppies naturally "shadow" their owners and will follow closely behind your heels without making noise. There is an incredibly high risk of stepping on, kicking, or tripping over your puppy. **Develop the habit of shuffling your feet rather than lifting them high when walking through the house.** Always look down before stepping backward or closing a door.

Elevation & Falling Risks

Fall injuries from standard household furniture (such as a couch, bed, or chair) or being dropped from human arms can instantly break a puppy's legs, cause severe concussions, or result in fatal internal bleeding. **Never leave a Chihuahua puppy unattended on any elevated surface.**

Electrical Cords & Dropped Objects

- **Chewing Cords:** To a tiny puppy, thin electrical cords look like teething toys. Chewing through a live cord causes instant, lethal electrocution or severe mouth burns. All cords must be blocked off or encased in protective plastic tubing.
 - **Dropped Objects:** A dropped cell phone, television remote, heavy book, or coffee mug falling from a counter can easily crush a toy puppy. Keep the puppy's primary play area completely clear of overhead hazards.
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Breed-Specific Structural Characteristics

Open Fontanels (Moleras)

Like the vast majority of purebred Chihuahuas, your puppy may possess an open fontanel, which is a natural soft spot on the top of the skull similar to a human baby.

- **Breed Commonality:** This is a standard, recognized characteristic of the Chihuahua breed and is **not a genetic defect or a medical deformity**. In many Chihuahuas, this soft spot will shrink or close entirely as they mature over their first year, while in some it may remain small throughout adulthood.
- **Special Care Required:** Because the brain tissue is less protected in this specific area, you must exercise extreme caution. Protect the puppy from any head trauma, rough play with larger animals, or accidental bumps. Rough handling by young children must be strictly prohibited.

Underbites & Malocclusions

Slight underbites (where the lower jaw extends slightly past the upper jaw) are relatively common in Chihuahuas due to the short, compact structure of their toy muzzles.

- **Pet Quality Placement:** Tiny Paws LLC places puppies strictly as "**pet quality**" companion animals, meaning they are sold purely as loving household pets rather than flawless show-ring conformation or breeding stock.
 - **Management & Oral Care:** Minor jaw alignments are purely cosmetic traits that are standard within the breed. They do not affect the puppy's ability to eat, chew, or live a long, healthy life. As addressed in our primary contract form, cosmetic alignment variations are fully disclosed and do not constitute a defect or a basis for veterinary claims. Simply monitor their adult teeth as they emerge to ensure comfortable chewing.
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Mandatory Veterinary Examination Framework

To ensure continuous health protection and regulatory compliance, the transition process relies on verified veterinary oversight from both parties.

Seller Pre-Adoption Validation

Prior to rehoming, the Seller performs a comprehensive physical exam and a professional fecal panel on puppy. This clinical baseline ensures that the puppy is active, clear of visible internal parasites, and physically sound at the precise moment of transfer.

Mandatory Adopter Veterinary Baseline

Notwithstanding the Seller's pre-clearance, **it is the Adopter's absolute responsibility to independently schedule and attend a professional veterinary examination within twenty-four (24) hours of taking physical possession of the puppy.** This timeline establishes your own vet's confirmation of health and safeguards your transactional warranty.

Official Licensing Manager Health Guarantee Statement

Puppy is guaranteed, to the best of my knowledge, to be healthy, free from birth defects, illness or disease. In the event puppy is determined, by a certified Veterinarian, to have any genetic defects, irregularities, or impairments within the 48 – 72 hours after purchase, the puppy may be returned for 100% of the purchase price.



Feeding & Dietary Stability Protocol

To prevent severe digestive stress, rapid dehydration, and anorexia post-pickup, follow this strict regimen:

- **Frequent Scheduled Meals:** Feed approximately 1/2 cup of **NutriSource Small Breed Puppy Food** per day, strictly divided into 4 to 6 small, evenly spaced meals to keep blood sugar stable.
- **The 50/50 Transition Rule:** If you intend to change food brands later, you must mix the provided NutriSource kibble 50/50 with the new brand for 4 to 5 days. Sudden dietary shifts trigger diarrhea, leading to rapid, life-threatening dehydration in a toy puppy.
- **Teething Management:** Teething pain peaks over the coming months and frequently causes temporary food refusal. If the puppy struggles with dry kibble, crush it and mix it with warm water into a soft paste or slurry. Provide tiny, soft, puppy-safe teething toys to alleviate sore gums.



Temperature Regulation & Stress Reduction

- **Hypothermia Prevention:** Small Chihuahua puppies cannot effectively maintain their own body temperature. Keep them in a draft-free room with a safe dog bed. Utilize a pet-safe heating pad or microwaveable warmer under a blanket, ensuring they have room to move away from the heat source if they get too warm.
- **The 48-Hour Quarantine:** The stress of moving can temporarily suppress a puppy's immune system, making them vulnerable to environmental pathogens. Limit handling to immediate family members for the first 48 hours, avoid public dog areas completely, and do not introduce them to outside animals until fully acclimated.
- **Enclosed Safe Zone:** Keep the puppy in a small crate or puppy playpen when unsupervised. Giving an 8-week-old toy puppy access to a large room increases exhaustion and increases the likelihood of a sugar crash.



Post-Vaccination & Veterinary Disclosures

- **Vaccine Reactions:** Your puppy has been examined and cleared by a licensed veterinarian prior to adoption. However, mild vaccine reactions can occasionally manifest within a few days of immunization. Monitor closely for facial swelling, hives, vomiting, or extreme lethargy.
 - **Pre-Sale Topicals Notice:** A one-month, topical preventative flea/tick/heartworm treatment was applied to the puppy the day before adoption. Be aware that immediate routine blood screenings performed at your vet check may temporarily reflect slightly elevated liver enzyme markers due to normal topical processing. This is a common biochemical response and not an indication of a congenital defect. If Buyer's veterinarian discusses liver counts or enzymes please discuss the impact of the topical RX flea/tick preventative in conjunction with enzyme counts. Immediately schedule a follow up appointment for re-review of enzyme count 30 days after discontinuing the initial application was applied.
 - **Mandatory Tracheal Safety:** Never attach a leash to a standard neck collar. Chihuahuas have incredibly fragile windpipes. **Always use a cat-sized or extra-small toy breed harness** to distribute pressure safely across the chest and prevent tracheal collapse.
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Mandatory Pre-Pickup Checklist

Ensure the following survival supplies are physically present in your home before picking up your puppy:

- One tube of **Tomlyn Nutri-Cal** high-calorie puppy gel
 - Emergency glucose (organic honey, maple syrup, or Karo syrup)
 - One bag of **NutriSource Small Breed Puppy Food** (Chicken & Rice formula)
 - An extra-small, cat-sized toy breed harness (no collars for walking)
 - A small crate or secure puppy playpen with a safe dog bed
 - Reusable or disposable potty pads and puppy-safe , extra small teething toys
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General Health & Safety Disclaimer

The information provided on this care sheet is for general educational and preventative care purposes only. It is not intended to replace professional personalized veterinary advice, medical diagnosis, or prescription treatments. Always consult a licensed veterinarian regarding physical symptoms or individual health changes.

The Following is a suggested Checklist for your new puppy

NEW PUPPY CHECKLIST

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| ☐ Patience  | ☐ Small Dog bed | ☐ Potty Bags & Scooper |
| ☐ Veterinarian | ☐ Small crate or puppy pen | ☐ Nail Clippers |
| ☐ Folder (Pet Records) | ☐ Harness, name tag, leash | ☐ Dental Supplies |
| ☐ Food & water bowls | ☐ Pet carrier | ☐ Shampoo, Conditioner |
| ☐ Stimulation Toys | ☐ Potty Pads (Reusable) | ☐ Cleaning Supplies |
| ☐ Chew Snacks | ☐ Potty Pads (Disposable) | ☐ Tote/Supply Storage |
| ☐ Chew Toys | ☐ Brush, comb | ☐ First Aid Kit  |

☐ Puppy Food

Puppy will eat approximately 1/2 cup per day, divided into 4-6 small meals. A bag of **Nutrisource Small Breed Puppy Food** (Chicken & Rice formula) will go home with puppy. If you have a preferred brand, just mix 50/50 with your brand for 4 - 5 days (to transition brands). If you notice puppy eating less, it may be from teething pain.

☐ Chew snacks

Puppy will be "teething" from 3 weeks - approx 6 months. Baby teeth emerge at 3 weeks, fall out around 12 weeks and adult teeth begin filling in until age 6 months. Some chew stick brands will cause puppies to have looser bowels or might diminish puppy's appetite. Be sure to have plenty of chew toys on hand for the teething process & make sure puppy doesn't have access to electrical cords.

Recommend: Frozen carrots (cut into 1/2" X 4" sticks), frozen green beans, Kong Puppy Teething Stick (Small), Purina "Busy Bone Tiny long lasting chew" . **Can also freeze wash clothes dipped in chicken broth**

Feeding Instructions

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Using chart A below, divide the amount shown into 2 - 3 feedings daily:

A high quality, high protein food is essential for chihuahua puppies.

It is important to monitor puppy's food intake the first few months at home. If puppy's appetite drops it could indicate teething pain (see chart B) Offer frozen carrots, wash cloth dipped in chicken broth or chew sticks during these periods.

Amount of food consumed will vary based on activity level, age and environment. A 8 oz. measuring cup holds approximately 4.5 oz. of small kibble puppy food.

Puppy will automatically reduce intake of puppy food around 5-7 months of age and again at 1 year of age.

This is due to a natural reduction in growth rate and the reduced need for calories.

It is important to have clean, fresh water available for your puppy at all times.

To transition brands mix decrease amounts of the breeder supplied puppy food (Nutrisource Small Breed Puppy Food) with increasing amounts of your preferred brand over a 5 day period.

On average
8 weeks - 4 months 1/2 cup
4-6 months 1/3 cup
6-12 months 1/4 cup

Chart A



Weight	Age		
Pounds	0- 3 Months	3 - 6 Months	6 Months - Adult
0-1	1/4 - 1/2 cups	1/8 - 1/3 Cups	1/8 - 1/4 Cups
1-5	1/2 - 1 Cups	1/3 - 3/4 Cups	1/4 - 1/2 Cups
5-10	1 - 1-3/4 Cups	3/4 - 1-1/4 Cups	3/4 - 3/4 Cups
10-20	1-3/4 - 2-1/2 Cups	1-1/4 - 2 Cups	3/4 - 1-1/2 Cups

Chart B



Chihuahua Teething Timeline
3-4 Weeks: First baby teeth (incisors) erupt.
5-6 Weeks: All 28 baby teeth are usually in place.
3-4 Months: Baby teeth begin to fall out, replaced by adult teeth.
4-6 Months: Heavy teething phase; incisors (4 months), canines (5 months), and molars (6 months) emerge.
6-8 Months: Full set of 42 adult teeth should be in place.

Checklist for Puppy's First Veterinary Appointment with New Buyer



**Please schedule the following
vet care for your puppy**



For Puppy's first Vet Visit

1. Take stool sample obtained four hours before the appointment
2. Have complete fecal panel done to monitor for intestinal worms, giardia, coccidia, parasites
3. Keep log of puppy's weight, diet and sleeping patterns
4. Review if testicles have descended (if applicable)
5. Discuss any concerns over open fontanelle
6. Discuss puppy's teething if any issues or concerns
7. Discuss microchipping now vs waiting for spay or neuter surgery
8. Discuss the date puppy received topical flea/tick/heartworm RX (one month dose applied by seller at 8 weeks of age and any impacts that may have on liver enzyme counts and if vet suggests repeating the dose or waiting until puppy is older
9. Discuss the rabies vaccine, age/weight recommended
10. Schedule puppy's 12 week DAPPv
11. Schedule puppy's 16 week DAPPv
12. Schedule puppy's 1 year DAPPv