

What to Expect – This is a big change for your puppy. Whimpering, crying, anxiousness is to be expected. On the part of human and canine! All kidding aside, plan for several nights of crying and protesting.

Yes, your puppy has enjoyed his/her time here and playing with siblings. But she/he really is ready for their own family. A tipped head or expression that might look sad to you, is not. Know there certainly is confusion as they make the adjustment. But that's what it is. Just getting used to you/your routine.

It takes a puppy a good month to get used to an all-new space, sounds and routine! Do not let them have full run of the house. It's overwhelming. Pick a room or two. Puppy needs to get to know and trust you before they can be expected to confidently meet others.

We have raised a confident puppy. However you won't see the fruits of our love/labor for several weeks to a month.

Confusion is normal. The first few days, you'll have accidents in the house and in crate. Be patient. Don't jump to any conclusions the first week other than, "puppy is figuring it out!" Once you have a week under your belt, then start to adjust as needed.

Your puppy has been going outside to poop/pee 3-4 times a day. That means we do have accidents in the house or in the crate, which is to be expected at this age. And they also go on wood chips inside the training area of our home. Especially if it's really cold outside. The key is to think about a Food/Outside/Play/Pen or Crate strategy. And sometimes the Food/Outside order can be reversed.

A puppy out of a crate for more than 20-30 minutes will tinkle in the house. So just time it. If they've been playing and romping and it's pushing 30 minutes, take them outside to go. If you find you come back in and they squat and go, put them in a smaller pen area in between take-outs. They won't want to pee where they have to walk. It's not a punishment; just technique to fast-track the potty training.

Rewarding good behavior. It is not necessary to give a puppy a treat when they go tinkle outside. Praise is so much better. If you must "treat" take a couple pieces of kibble. As pups age, we do give treats from Life's Abundance. Again, only pet food company with zero recalls.

Should your puppy get diarrhea, they need to see a vet. A little loose stool is normal, but it can be coccidia which can be deadly. If treated with antibiotics, it clears easily. Coccidia is a type of intestinal parasite. Although we deworm puppies, this can be brought on simply from the stress of going from our home to yours. Doesn't mean you've done anything wrong; it just can happen. If you have given your puppy too much food, even 25% more than they are used to, this will trigger diarrhea! You can always call me for advice!

Your own plan. We will have talked by phone on several occasions. And you should feel confident in the plan and schedule you've shaped. We are happy to help guide you in conversation before pup comes home. You are welcome to call any time, but goal is to have the info down before pickup day!