# Alli and Gator Golden Doodles



# PUPPY BOOK Congratulations!

Congratulations and thank you for allowing us help you find your new family member. The pleasure was all ours in being a part of your little one's life. We wish you a long and happy life together. Please update us from time to time.

I hope you find this packet informative and helpful. Please take the packet to the vet with you; it contains all your puppy's records. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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# **Bringing Your Puppy Home**

There is no doubt a new puppy brings great happiness to your home. They are a source of unconditional love and affection and provide many positive health benefits. Puppies are a lot like babies in many ways. They eat, sleep and poop. Mostly, they sleep and as they age, they will start to play more. Puppies also, like children, can get tired, stressed and unfortunately, they sometimes can become sick. As a new puppy owner, you must prepare for your new family member with the same diligence you would if you were to bring a new baby home. Here are a few tips that will help your puppy with their big transition.

# **Feeding Tips**

Keeping your puppy on the same food during their first few weeks will help with stress and gastrointestinal issues. We feed Science Diet Small Kibble hard Puppy Food. We will provide you with a bag when you pick up your puppy. When feeding your pet a new food, introduce it slowly. If you feed too much too soon, your pet could suffer from stomach upset, vomiting, excess gas, constipation, or diarrhea. Intestinal Bacteria play an important role in normal bacteria in the intestine help your dog or cat digest food. A sudden change in food can result in changes to the number and type of bacteria and their ability to help digest food. These changes can lead to intestinal upset. Therefore, your pet must be switched to a new food slowly. A gradual change is best. We recommend switching to a new food gradually over the course of 710 days. For example, make a mixture that contains 25% of the new food and 75% of the old food and feed that for three days. If your pet seems comfortable with this progression, you can start feeding 100% new food.

# The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

Puppies are so cute and cuddly; they can make your heart skip a beat! They are loveable and huggable and bring joy to our lives. Unfortunately, just like our little kiddos, they are more susceptible to certain bugs due to immature immune systems. Their curiosity and inspection of everything around them, whether good or yucky, can lead to issues. Puppies love to play in puddles, eat snow, dig in the dirt and yes, even lick other puppies' backsides. All of these funny, inquisitive activities can lead to problems later. This page will discuss two common parasites called Giardia and Coccidian, commonly found in puppies.

# The Culprits

Giardia and Coccidian are intestinal parasites. Both can cause varying degrees of diarrhea. They can also cause nausea and minor vomiting in some puppies. Young Puppies are frequently infected with coccidian due to undeveloped immune systems. Stress, such as new owners, travel, weather changes, and unsanitary conditions can activate infections in susceptible Animals. Giardia lives everywhere, including the soil, food and water. Puppies often become infected by drinking water on the ground or encountering feces.

# Detection

A fecal exam is performed. The samples may be looked at on a slide under a microscope of sent off to a lab. The lab may run an ELISA test, which is highly effective in detecting Giardia. ELISA tests may also give false positive results due to antigens that are still detectable even though an active infection is gone. The antigens may last 3-6 months after infection has cleared; therefore, the ELISA testing should not be performed again until 3 months after treatment has ended.

# **Eliminating the Bad Guys**

Giardia is often treated with a round of fenbendazole dewormer and/or metronidazole. A sulfa-type antibiotic is typically prescribed for coccidian infections in puppies.

# **Protecting our Puppies**

These conditions are a nuisance and may require-time and money to clear up. The only way to keep every puppy from ever becoming infected would be to keep them in a sterile environment, not *allow any* contact with the outside and for them to never to be able to touch the ground or we can accept the inevitable. We can have happy, healthy, well socialized puppies that run in the grass, jump in mud puddles and love. Interacting with their environment and put up with a little inconveniences that come along the way. We have made every attempt to keep your puppy healthy including trips to our veterinarian, appropriate vaccinations/ deworming while maintaining a sanitary, fulfilled environment in which the puppies interact and grow.

## **PERFECT PUPPY**

Confined area training works because dogs' wild ancestors lived in caves for security purposes. A puppy pen provides the same security as a cave. It is not so much that the puppy cannot get out, but no one can get in. The puppy will naturally not want to defecate in his own "area". Creating this domain speeds, the housebreaking process. Prevention of chewing is a bonus.

NEVER use the crate for punishment purposes. Crates DO NOT train the dog ... crates are used as a tool for house training purposes.

#### Housetraining MYTHS:

- 1. When you find an accident, rub the dog's nose in it.
- 2. When you find a mess, you should hit and ostracize the dog.
- 3. If you find the dog in the process of eliminating ... grab the dog and quickly put him outside.
- 4. Paper training is better. Quite the opposite. Paper training only adds a step to the housebreaking process.

Rule #1 - Capitalize on your dogs' natural desire to keep its nest clean. This is inherited. Anticipate when the dog needs to go out. The signs are, nose grazing, squatting, loitering around the door, circling and constant ill at ease behavior.

Rule #2 - Fresh food and water should be always available (we accept different opinions here). Such may be removed early evening until the puppy is house broken. Free feeding prevents gag, bloat and obesity. Multiple feedings per day is also acceptable.

Rule #3 - It is not amount of time outside those counts, it is the frequency of times going out. i.e.

DO NOT go outside with the puppy for an hour, rather go outside every hour for a few minutes.

Rule #4 - If the dog goes to the bathroom inside, simply clean it up. That is it, now next time try to prevent the accident.

Rule #5 - Stay one-step ahead of the puppy. Learn the signs. It is better & easier to prevent a problem than to try to correct old bad habits.

#### Tips for Bringing Your New Puppy Home

You've chosen a puppy, bought supplies, puppy-proofed your home, and established some household rules. Now it's time to bring your new puppy home. Of course, you're excited and eager to start this new bond, but try to imagine what this is like for the puppy. He's just been taken from his mother, siblings, the only humans he knows, and his familiar environment. This can be scary and confusing for a puppy, but there are several things you can do to help him adjust to his new life.

Your first instinct may be to bring him in the house, let him explore and immediately meet his new family, but take things slowly.

#### **Tips for Bringing Your New Puppy Home**

1. Choose a potty spot: Start by taking him to the outside area where you want him to go potty. If he does relieve himself, use a command that you'll stick to, like "go potty" or whatever you're comfortable with and remember to praise him.

2. Introduce him to his new home: You've already prepared a puppy-proof area of your house, right? This is where you'll bring him. Many people erroneously think they should just let the puppy loose

to explore the house at will, but this is a sensory overload. Too many new places, smells, and people at once may just confuse him. Instead, let him explore a designated area. Perhaps where his food and water are. Or he can familiarize himself with the small, puppy-proofed space where you've placed his crate. Let him get used to this space before you go on further exploratory missions. Then introduce him to the rest of the house, one room at a time, skipping the rooms you've decided are off-limits.

3. Introduce him to his new family members: Preferably one person at a time, although this will be difficult with all the excitement about a new puppy. But try to give him a chance to meet each of you quietly.

4. Puppies like to chew: Provide appropriate and safe puppy chew toys for him, and if he starts to chew on anything else, redirect him to his chew toy. Here are some other tips about living with a chewing puppy.

5. Show him his sleeping place. Puppies sleep between 15-to-20 hours a day, and although they're often likely just to drop in their tracks, bring him to his crate or dog bed when he seems to be ready for a nap and at bedtime. Contrary to what you may think, crates are not "doggie jail." Dogs prefer the security and safety of a den, and this crate will become his safe place, with some encouragement.

6. Keep a close eye on your new puppy. He should be supervised or at least within your vision in his "doggie den" at all times during these early days. Take him with you from room to room, giving him a chance to explore under your watchful eye.

7. Start enforcing rules. Although it may seem too early to you, he needs to learn the house rules from the very beginning. The more structured and consistent his day is, the better adjusted and happier he'll be. Whether it's chewing or any other behavior you don't want to encourage, use gentle redirection. Yelling at him or punishing him will only frighten and confuse him, not teach him. Remember that he is only just starting to learn what's expected of him. Praising good behavior and deflecting unacceptable behavior is an effective way of helping him learn.

8. Most of all, take things slowly. Gradually expand his environment, under your supervision, of course. With lots of affectionate contact with the family, consistent rules and routine, rewards for good behavior, and gentle corrections for unacceptable behaviors, he'll quickly learn his place in his new "pack." Not only that but, and most importantly, as he adjusts to his new environment, you will establish a bond that will endure throughout his life.



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Caloric Content

3,891 kcal/kg, 354 kcal/cup

Guaranteed Analysis	
CRUDE PROTEIN	29.0% min
CRUDE FAT	18.0% min
CRUDE FIBER	3.3% max
MOISTURE	10.0% max
VITAMIN E	350 IU/kg min



# Hill's® Science Diet® Puppy Chicken Meal & Barley Recipe



When you first adopted your first dog, you took the time to research and speak with his veterinarian about dog nutritional requirements before choosing what you'd feed him. You know to never share table scraps with your pet, but do you know that as your dog ages, his nutritional needs will shift? A life stage dog food will grow with your dog, but it's important that you understand what your furry family member needs from his puppy to senior years.

## What Are Dog Nutritional Requirements?

Nutrients are substances that are obtained from food and used as a source of energy. Dogs love to play with their owners, and they need energy to do so! Nutrients are essential for an animal's growth, and can be considered maintenance tools to keep your dog in optimum health. Just as your car requires gasoline (and other types of maintenance) to run, your dog needs food to keep him going too.

There are different classes of nutrients that your dog needs in his diet: proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals, and water. Choosing a balanced food that includes those nutrients is what will help young dogs grow and older dogs stay healthy.

# **Newborn Puppies**

When dogs are first born and for the next several weeks, their complete nutrition comes from their mother's milk. However, if the mother is ill or dogs are orphaned, a commercial milk

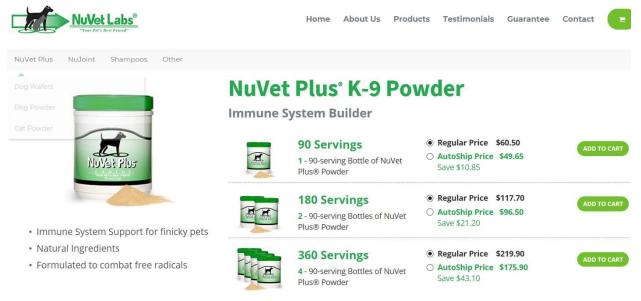
replacement will need to be given to the young pups. Your veterinarian can educate you on how to choose a replacement, as well as how to feed newborn puppies who do not get milk from their mother.

Eventually, they'll begin to wean from their mother's milk—or a replacement liquid—and begin to digest solids. To begin the weaning process, start removing the mother from her litter for short periods of time. While the mother is away, introduce them to puppy food in a dish. Gradually increase the amount of time the litter is exposed to their own food, be encouraging, but do not force the food on them.

### **Young Puppies**

Once puppies are weaned, they'll get all of their nutrition from dog food, so be sure to choose something that's not only tasty, but healthy too. Puppies require and expend a lot of energy, so young dog nutritional requirements include increased protein to keep them fueled and feeling their best. Also, if possible puppies may require three to four smaller meals a day to start and then slowly transitioned to two larger meals per day. Talk to your vet about the best feeding regimen for your puppy to ensure he is getting his adequate daily nutrition.

Expect puppies to play with their food at first. While eating may start as a game, young dogs will enjoy the taste, and look forward to the flavors and sensations of chewing. It may help to slightly moisten dry food to get your dog comfortable chewing.



At **NuVet Labs**<sup>®</sup> we know that a major cause of poor health in our beloved pets is the lack of proper nutrition with their diets. This is the main reason we developed NuVet Plus<sup>®</sup>. NuVet Plus<sup>®</sup> is the culmination of 8 years of research and development, formulated with the goal of creating a nutrient-rich formula that would surpass mere vitamin replenishment. Instead, the supplement provides full-spectrum nutritional support that focuses on boosting your pet's immune system and overall health.

Keeping your pet's immune system strong is crucial in today's environment. Household toxins, fertilizers, pesticides, and even many of today's pet foods leave your pet's immune system susceptible. Regular and even premium brand pet foods can contain toxins, bad bacteria, and "meat by-products" (an industry term for

anything other than meat). Other common ingredients are fillers like corn, wheat and barley. These food ingredients and other environmental factors are prime sources for poor health in your pet.

Our team of pet industry scientists, veterinarians, and medical specialists created **NuVet Plus**® to be a highquality supplement that incorporates a precise formula of antioxidants, amino acids, vitamins, minerals, enzymes, herbs and more. **NuVet Plus**® brings together vital ingredients that perform synergistically to help improve your pet's health and keep them healthy. Our supplement is made using Natural ingredients that are formulated in a FDA Registered Facility using CGMP standards.

**NuVet Plus**® ingredients and nutrients are compounded to maintain their integrity and bio-digestibility for complete cellular infusion. We use special "paddle dried," whole chicken liver that provides vitamin potency, as well as a taste your pet will love. Please view our full Ingredient List and descriptions to understand how these essential elements can help your pet get started on a path to optimal health as well as help them maintain a quality life full of vigor, vitality, comfort, and energy.

Over the course of 8 years, the scientists, researchers and animal medical experts at NuVet Labs® perfected the NuVet Plus® formula. The goal was to create a superior supplement product that included highest quality natural ingredients offering outstanding nutritional benefits to both dogs and cats. In addition, the development process focused on the supplement's bio-availability and absorption into the cellular framework. When creating the formula, scientists also took into consideration the different toxins and chemicals that are often found in animal food products, such as dry pet food and treats. NuVet Plus® was formulated specifically to combat the negative effects of these pollutants.

At NuVet Labs®, we believe our pets deserve the very best. Our advanced formula is comprised of the highest quality ingredients that work in combination to maintain and improve your beloved animal's quality of life. With its precise combination of natural antioxidants, amino acids, vitamins, minerals, herbs, and more, NuVet Plus® is a complete nutritional supplement that works to boost the immune system and helps defend your pet's body against free radicals.

To find more information about NuVet Plus®, be sure to visit our NuVet Labs® reviews page. There, pet parents will find feedback from other people who have used our products. The NuVet Plus® reviews that are found on this page allow our customers to get the honest, first-hand feedback that they need when making this important choice regarding their pet's nutrition.

#### NuVet Plus<sup>®</sup> Free Radicals and Antioxidants

With mainstream veterinarian medicine becoming more aware of the harmful effects of free radicals, doctors are more frequently telling their clients to give their pets quality nutritional supplements. Today's best supplement is specially formulated to boost the immune system and enhance cell, gland, and organ function.

The **NuVet Labs®** research team started with the premise that even the most expensive pet foods available are lacking in basic nutrients essential for proper cell support and longevity. It is a fact that some of the ingredients in pet food produce free radicals or unstable oxygen molecules which causes oxidation of the cells and subsequent mutation and death of the cells. Our pets' counterparts in the wild eat a much more balanced diet that is required for the proper maintenance of health.

Recent studies have shown free radicals to be a potential threat to your pet's health. Free radicals are unstable oxygen molecules that, according to research, can hit each cell in the body 10,000 times each day. As these free radicals constantly hit the cell membrane, it starts to break down and become weak. This weakness will eventually lead to cell mutation or death of the cell, thereby, attacking the healthy parts of the body and degrading the immune system.

Antioxidants are vitamins, minerals and enzymes that protect the body from the damaging effects of free radicals. Antioxidants are found in certain vitamins and foods. The body manufactures a defense against free radicals in the form of antioxidants. However, there are more free radicals actively destroying the cell membrane than our body can defend against. This is where the powerful antioxidants in NuVet Plus® step in

to assist the natural defense mechanism of the body. When NuVet Labs® is introduced into the body, there is a boosting of the immune system and a decrease in the ravages of free radicals.

We can help our animals protect against free radicals by supplementing their diet with NuVet Plus<sup>®</sup>, the product that is formulated to be the most powerful antioxidants available.

Most people are aware of the destructive power of free radicals and are now taking antioxidants, either in supplement form or by eating the proper types of food. Our pets deserve to have their physiological defenses strengthened so they too, need the beneficial effects of a potent supplement – **NuVet Plus**<sup>®</sup>.

Ingredients Blue Green Algae, Brewer's Yeast, Cat's Claw, Evening Primrose Oil, Shark Cartilage, Oyster

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Vitamin B2 (Riboflavin), Vitamin B3 (Niacin), Vitamin B5 (Pantothenic Acid), Vitamin B6 (Pyridoxine), Vitamin B12, Vitamin D, Vitamin K, Manganese, Magnesium, Iron, Copper, Amino Acids (Tryptophan, Threonine, Isoleucine, Leucine, Lysine, Methionine, Cystine, Phenylalanine, Tyrosine, Valine, Arginine, Histidine, Alanine, Aspartic Acid, Glutamic Acid, Glycine).

#### **Recommended Daily Dosage**

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