

# Puppy 101

## **Crate training and do we recommend it?**

Yes, absolutely! Crate training is a very effective way to potty train your puppy and keep them safe when you are not able to look after them. Puppies can be very curious, just like children and get into everything. Puppies tend to grow to love their crates. They're den animals and see it as a safe place for them to go. We expose all of the puppies to a crate on a daily bases so it is not something that is completely new to them. We do not however close it as there are too many puppies, so that will be something new to them. We recommend getting a medium crate that allows you to change the size. If the puppy has too much room, they will use the bathroom in the crate which will slow down their potty training. Below is a link providing a good idea of a good crate.

**Please be aware, a new puppy at home can be very challenging at first when they first come home. They have been taken out of their familiar place and need to adjust to their new homes which may or may not take some time. Patience is a must! We send all our puppies with a blanket that smells like mom and siblings to help them adjust.**

[MIDWEST LifeStages Double Door Collapsible Wire Dog Crate, 36 inch - Chewy.com](#)

## **How often will the puppy need to be groomed?**

All of the puppies will have a different coat type, but regular grooming for a doodle is a must. If they tend to be curlier, we recommend every 60-90 days. They require daily brushing as well. We recommend a good rake or dematting comb. Doodle's are high maintenance when it comes to their coats which is something to be aware of before getting a doodle.

## **Vaccinations**

We provide the first round of vaccinations prior to the puppy going home. Per recommendation of most vets your puppy will need at least 3 shots prior to 16 weeks so a new vet must be set up prior to them going home. These are typically given 2-4-week intervals. We also do a deworming. However, even though we do the deworming, it does not mean that the puppy will not have parasites still. Your vet will help you continue the deworming process.

Dog parks and places where other dogs go tend to hold a lot of parasites. It's very important to get your dogs vaccination series completed before you introduce them to places with high dog traffic.

We love our puppies and do our best to avoid any illness prior to going home. Everything is kept very sterile, however they do still go outside and sometimes picking up a parasite may be unavoidable due to nature in general.

### **How to prepare for my new puppy**

We send the puppies home with a large amount of puppy food that we have been giving them. We currently feed them a grain free high protein puppy food. It's good to feed them a high quality dog food as it makes a huge world of difference. It's important to take the puppy food we provide and mix it in with the new food that you have chosen to feed them. This will help avoid any tummy troubles.

We also recommend the following:

Appropriately Sized Dog Crate (We like the wire ones with adjustable divider panels)

Shampoo (Use a good quality puppy shampoo) puppies require a lot of bathing at a young age.

Water and Food Bowls

Leash

Collar (Usually an 8-12" size for Standards and 6-10" size for Minis)

Slip collar for use after 12 weeks for training purposes.

Doggy Bed (do not put into their crate)

Stain and Odor Eliminator (For Puppy Accidents)

Slicker Brush

Metal Comb

Dog Treats – [chewy.com](http://chewy.com) has excellent source of dog treats. Always aim for high quality pet treats.

It is also important that you have an appointment scheduled with your vet.

### **Potty training**

Potty training is something we work on, however I can assure you it's impossible to train multiple puppies at one time. We do take the dogs outside as often as possible and praise them during any potty interaction outside.

We highly recommend keeping your puppy on a food and water schedule. We promise you, they will not starve if there food is not always out to snack on. This will help significantly in potty training. After you give your puppy food and water take them out to go potty. High praise works wonders with dogs. Give your puppy lots of love each time they do something good so they know that they are doing good. They will forget doing something bad so if they do something and you do not catch them in action, do not scold them because it will confuse them and cause them to be scared. Taking your puppy out often at first is going to be imperative. It may be tiring but puppies require a lot of care and upkeep at first. It will fully pay off when you have your new life long best friend.