

Here's a helpful **guide for new puppy owners** to follow to keep their puppy healthy, happy, and alive. It's designed to be straightforward for all new puppy owners.

🐾 Essential Puppy Care Instructions

1. Feeding

- 🍼 **0–12 weeks**: Feed a high-quality **puppy formula** 3–4 times a day.
 - 🍽️ **12 weeks–6 months**: 3 meals a day.
 - 🐕 **6 months+**: 2 meals a day.
 - ✅ Always provide **fresh water**.
 - 🚫 Avoid harmful foods: chocolate, grapes, onions, garlic, caffeine, alcohol, and xylitol (in sugar-free gum).
 - Absolutely no table scraps. Puppies have sensitive tummies and can't eat the food we eat.
 - Follow your breeder's advice. The breeder has been caring for the puppy for several weeks, and you should follow the same schedule and feed the puppy what it is used to.
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2. Health & Vet Care

- 📅 **Schedule a vet appointment** within the first 3 days.
 - 💉 Keep up with **vaccinations** and **deworming**. Puppy's schedule is vaccinated at 8, 12, and 16 weeks old
 - 📖 Use **flea, tick, and heartworm preventatives** monthly. Wonderside is made of natural ingredients. There are other natural recipes in your folder
 - 📞 Know emergency signs: vomiting, diarrhea, not eating, low energy, pale gums. Learn what to do in case your puppy has an issue.
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3. Safe Environment

- 🔒 Puppy-proof your home (remove cords, small objects, and toxic plants).
- 🚫 Block access to stairs, pools, and dangerous areas.
- 🛏️ Provide a warm, soft bed in a quiet spot.

4. Training & Socialization

- 📖 Start **potty training** early with consistency.
- Keep young puppies in a secure playpen for their safety, so they can learn where it is okay to play, potty, and sleep safely. Take the puppy out for short times to interact with you and your family. It is also a way to train them if you want them to learn to potty outside. Short times out after eating, then take them out to potty, then back to the playpen. Establish a routine.
- 🍌 Use positive reinforcement (treats, praise).
- 🐕 Socialize with other dogs and people (after vaccinations). Be careful, other dogs aren't too big for your baby or aggressive.
- 🧠 Start basic commands: sit, come, stay.

5. Daily Routine

- 🕒 Stick to a **consistent schedule** (feeding, potty, play).
- 🐕 Puppies need **12–18 hours of sleep** a day.
- 🐕 Gentle walks, playtime, and mental stimulation are key.

6. Emergency Contacts

- 🏠 Know your **local emergency vet**. Keep the emergency number posted in your house so you can easily reach it in case of an emergency.
- 📞 Post significant phone numbers: Vet, Poison Control (888-426-4435).

❤️ Final Tip:

Love and attention are just as vital as food and water. Puppies need bonding, affection, and security to thrive.

Congratulations to you and your new family member