



Boucher Family Farm
Congratulates you on your new
four-legged friend!

We are here to help! If you need
anything, please don't hesitate to
contact us.

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We would also encourage you to like our
Facebook page and leave us a Google
review about your experience with us.



Your New Puppy & Food



I'm sure by now the excitement of your new puppy is bursting at the seams and you can't wait to get your precious friend home and spoil them. We can't wait for you to enjoy what this breed has to offer!

Here is a glimpse of how we feed our giants here at Boucher Family Farm, your puppy has been using it and we have sent small amounts of each for you.

- ❖ If you plan on keeping your new family member on this regimen, Great! You will see each product below. We have spent many years finding what works for us and the dogs here on the farm.
- ❖ If you plan on switching to something else, that's fine too! just make sure you switch over slowly, as your new puppy is going through a lot of change right now, meaning start 75% old food to 25% new food, then 50% to 50%, then 25% old to 75% new, then 100% new.
 - It is SUPER important that your puppy is fed a LARGE BREED PUPPY food, this has the right nutritional content for a growing Giant.
 - Seek out a food that has been AAFCO (The Association of American Feed Control Officials) approved for growth, not maintenance.
- ❖ It's important that if you have purchased a **Salt & Pepper or Black & Silver Giant Schnauzer** that you KEEP THEM ON A VITAMIN SUPPLEMENT, we keep all our giants on the supplement powder provided, but it's extremely important for the above color variants because we, as a breeding community, have found that these two varieties have a weaker hip ligament and ball joint coverage!
 - Vitamin C is important to the collagen that helps prevent hip dysplasia, it also boosts your dog's immune system and plays a vital role as an antioxidant.
 - Calcium is important in bone development in early life, as well as growth overall.
 - Vitamin E is a crucial antioxidant, as well, it is great for coat health and energy.

You may choose to give these individually or as a multi-vitamin, either way is fine.

If you choose not to give any, that's okay, but know these guys do run higher risks of hip and joint problems later in life.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of treatment!

NuPro Joint & Immunity Support for dogs

This is an overall health & immunity supplement, it covers: Hips & joints, Digestive health, Cardiovascular function, Skin & Coat, Immunity

We give once a day, we just sprinkle in on top of the food. It is based on weight; you can find the instructions on the back, and it comes with the scoop needed.

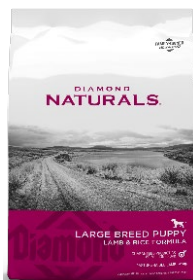


Diamond Naturals Large Breed Puppy Food

Their formulas provide the right balance of proteins, fats, and carbohydrates, combined with health-promoting antioxidant support and omega fatty acids without fillers and other unnecessary ingredients, as well they add a live source of probiotics to the food!

They have an AAFCO label for growth of large breed puppies.

Looking at the chart on the back of the bag, divide the total cups per day into 3 meals per day, At 8-9 months you may transition your new friend to eating 2 meals a day, its also not wrong to feed 3 meals a day until a year (when you should spay or neuter)





Your New Puppy & Vaccines



Another **VERY** important part of keeping your new family member safe is making sure that they are fully vaccinated against some of the most ruthless, harmful, and easily prevented diseases that they are susceptible to **BEFORE** taking them to socialization classes, pet stores, dog parks, or around other dogs whose vaccine status is not known.

Below is a chart of the most common diseases and a brief description of each.

On the next page is a chart to help you understand the “Puppy Series” of vaccination, which includes vaccines at 8 weeks, 12 weeks & 16 weeks of age; the reasoning behind this is because we are asking their immune systems to take the information (the vaccine) and protect itself by forming its own antibodies (rather than their mother's milk giving them antibodies, as they are no longer receiving it)

After the 16-week vaccines you may consider your new friend “Fully Vaccinated” and begin taking them safely to socialize around town!

DISEASE	DESCRIPTION
Canine Distemper	A highly contagious and usually fatal viral disease that affects many body systems, including the respiratory, gastrointestinal, and nervous systems.
Canine Hepatitis	A viral disease that primarily affects the liver.
Parainfluenza	A viral disease that is part of the group of viruses that cause kennel cough. It can cause mild respiratory signs such as coughing and sneezing, similar to a cold.
Viral Diarrhea (Canine Parvovirus)	A very contagious and sometimes life-threatening viral disease, especially in puppies. It affects the gastrointestinal tract and causes severe vomiting and diarrhea.
Leptospirosis	A bacterial disease that affects the liver and kidneys and can be transmitted to humans (zoonotic).
Kennel Cough	A group of infectious agents, including viruses (such as canine adenovirus type 2 and parainfluenza) and bacteria (such as <i>Bordetella bronchiseptica</i>), that cause a dry, hacking cough.
Rabies	A deadly viral disease that affects the nervous system in mammals, including humans. It is almost always fatal once clinical signs appear, but it can be prevented with vaccination.

Puppy Vaccination Schedule



Core Vaccines

Core vaccines are essential and recommended for all dogs, regardless of lifestyle, location, or exposure risk. It's highly recommended these vaccines be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

6-8
weeks

DA2PP

(distemper,
adenovirus type 2,
parvovirus)

10-12
weeks

DA2PP

(distemper,
adenovirus type 2,
parvovirus)

Leptospirosis

14-16
weeks

DA2PP

(distemper,
adenovirus type 2,
parvovirus)

Leptospirosis

Annually

DA2PP

Leptospirosis

Rabies*

*Vaccine renewal depends
on state laws.

Lifestyle Vaccines

Lifestyle vaccines for dogs are recommended based on a dog's specific lifestyle, environment, and risk factors. These vaccines protect against diseases that may not be a threat to every dog but are important for those with certain exposures. Discuss with your vet the right lifestyle vaccines for your pet.

6-8
weeks

None routinely
recommended
at this age.

(Lifestyle vaccines
are typically started
at 10-12 weeks or
later.)

10-12
weeks

Bordetella

**Canine
influenza**

14-16
weeks

**Canine
influenza**

Annually

Bordetella

**Canine
influenza**

Always consult with your veterinarian about what is best for you and your puppy, as there are other vaccines that may or may not be recommended in your area of the world.

It is also worth mentioning that they may require you to do a heartworm test at 6-8 months of age, even if you have been giving monthly prevention, as they are starting to see resistance to the heartworm medication and do not want anyone to unknowingly harm their pet. Heartworm disease is a profoundly serious illness and requires a different medical treatment to kill the adult worms. If you kill the adults too fast (unknowingly giving the heartworm medication for the baby stages) it can have fatal consequences for your furry friend!

This is not an end all, be all list; it is a guide to help you understand what, when, and why your vet makes recommendations on these preventative measures. We aren't here to judge you, if you have questions, please reach out to us!

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Giant Schnauzer weight standards per AKC:

Females: 55–75 lbs. (25–34 kg) Males: 60–110 lbs. (27–48 kg)

Decision-Making on Age of Neutering or Spaying for Dogs of Five Weight Categories

Associated Joint Disorders and Cancers

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Large Breed 30–39 kg (65–86 lbs.)

The study population was 176 intact males, 196 neutered males, 57 intact females, and 175 spayed females for a total of 604 cases. Of intact males, 8% had a joint disorder. This occurrence was significantly increased with neutering at <6 mo. to 17% ($p < 0.01$) and to 11% with neutering at 6–11 mo. ($p < 0.01$, combined with <6 mo.). With intact females, the occurrence of joint disorders was 0 percent, but with spaying at <6 mo. this level was significantly increased to 10% ($p < 0.05$) and at 6–11 mo. to 23% ($p < 0.01$) The occurrence of cancers followed for intact males was 15%—higher than the neuter groups but not a significant difference. Similarly, in intact females, this measure was 13%, and higher than any spay group, but not significantly differing. In intact females, 2% were diagnosed with MC, and 4% of females spayed at 2–8 years had MC. PYO was diagnosed in 7% of intact females. UI was diagnosed in 9% of females spayed at <6 mo., a non-significant increase over the 0% of intact females.

Giant Breed 40+ kg (87+ lbs.)

The study population was 88 intact males, 107 neutered males, 17 intact females, and 46 spayed females for a total of 258 cases. Of intact males, 9% had a joint disorder. Neutering at <6 mo. was associated with a significant, 3-fold, increase to 28% ($p < 0.01$), and the significant increase continued through neutering at 6–11 mo. ($p < 0.05$) and 1 year ($p < 0.05$), at the 11% level still higher than the intact. In intact females, 17% had a joint disorder, an occurrence that did not significantly increase with spaying. The occurrence of cancers for intact males was 10% and for intact females, 6%. There were no significant increases in this measure for either sex with neutering at any age. In intact females, none was diagnosed with MC, although PYO was diagnosed in 16%. Of females spayed at <6 mo., UI occurred in 9%.

Suggested Guidelines for Age of Neutering: 5 Mixed Breed Groups								
	Males				Females			
	Leave intact	Choice	Beyond 11 months	Beyond 23 months	Leave intact	Choice	Beyond 11 months	Beyond 23 months
Small		✓				✓		
Medium		✓				✓		
Standard			✓				✓	
Large			✓				✓	
Giant				✓			✓*	

*Consider neutering beyond 11 months due to weight.

Summary of spaying and neutering guidelines based on findings regarding joint disorders and cancers. The term "choice" means there was no increased risk for any age of neutering.

What all this means

One major finding from the present study is that despite the dogs being of mixed breeds, there was uniformity in the relationship of body weight and association of neutering with increased risks of joint disorders. The cutoff of 20 kg, where dogs above this point are significantly at risk for joint disorders, but those below this cutoff are not of significant increased risk.

There was no clear picture with the cancers followed, undoubtedly reflecting the diversity of breeds involved in mixed breed dogs and the breed-specific differences with regard to vulnerability to different cancers.

This study focuses primarily on dogs going up through their middle-age years, and presents extensive data on diseases having early onsets, prior to dogs' elderly ages. A limitation is that the study has little data going into the second decade of canine life when diseases such as mammary cancer become more frequent.

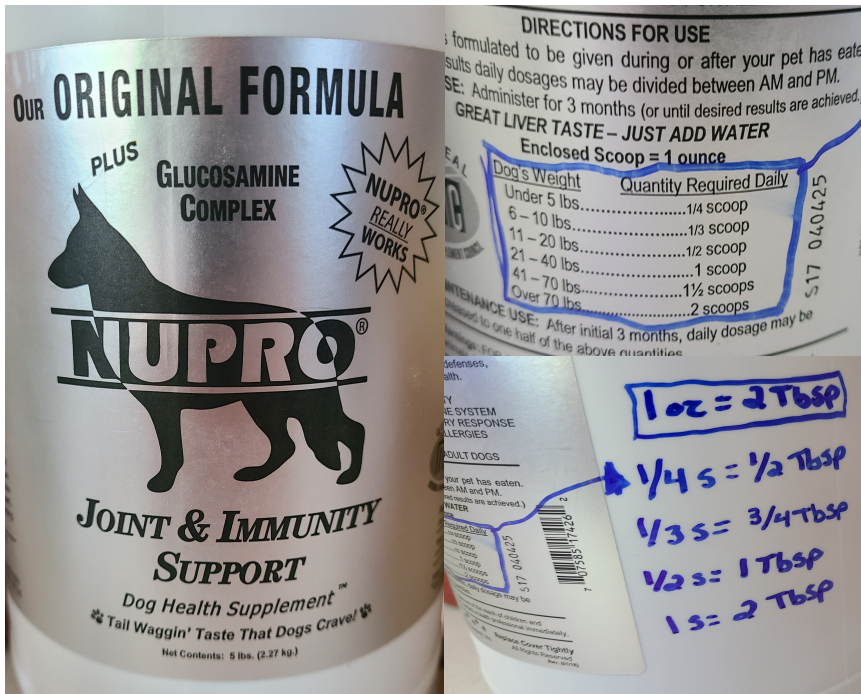
Pet owners and veterinarians can consider this information when making decisions or recommendations regarding the age for neutering or spaying a dog that will be in a specific adult weight category.



Diamond Naturals Large Breed Puppy Lamb & Rice Formula is formulated to meet the nutritional levels established by the AAFCO Dog Food Nutrient Profiles for All Life Stages including growth of large size dogs (70 lbs. or more as an adult).

****Standard Measuring Cups Per Day**

Current Weight (lbs.)	2-4 Months	4-8 Months	8 – 12 Months
10	1½	—	—
20	2⅔	2¼	—
30	3⅓	3	—
40	4½	3¾	3
60	—	5¼	4¼
80	—	6¼	5
100	—	—	6



NUPRO® Joint & Immunity Support

Treat Your Best Friend to a Healthier, Happier Life!

NUPRO® Joint & Immunity Support Dog Health Supplement adds Glucosamine Complex, MSM, and Ester-C® to enrich our Original "Gold" Formula, especially for the Active and/or Senior animal. Your dog now has the benefit of a scientifically balanced combination of select ingredients specifically formulated to support normal joint structure, function and flexibility as well as promote optimal overall health and well-being.

NUPRO® Joint & Immunity Support's combination of raw, unprocessed ingredients with the added extras makes for a superior product from which **ALL** dogs will reap the rewards!

Glucosamine Complex (600 mg. per 1 oz. scoop)

Our own special blend of Glucosamine (500 mg) and Chondroitin (100 mg) is an easily absorbed natural substance that stimulates the production of proteoglycans. These molecules play a major role in the maintenance and resiliency of healthy connective tissues and the restoration of damaged cartilage cells. Glucosamine Complex also helps to promote production of synovial fluid - a necessity for the proper lubrication and comfort of joints.

MSM (300 mg. per 1 oz. scoop)

A natural source of bioavailable sulfur, essential to support growth and maintenance of healthy tendons, cartilage and other connective tissues. MSM helps to maintain healthy fluid pressure of soft tissues.

***Ester-C® Chelated Mineral Blend** (200 mg. per 1 oz. scoop)

Developed by veterinarians to provide dogs with extra Vitamin C to support a strong immune system and healthy joints by boosting absorption of Glucosamine Complex & MSM and promoting collagen formation.

NUPRO® Joint & Immunity Support also contains Norwegian kelp, organic cold-milled whole ground flaxseed, yeast cultures, desiccated liver, amino acids and enzymes, garlic, calcium citrate, lecithin and Lactobacillus acidophilus. Please see the "dog formula" page for more detailed info on these ingredients.

NUPRO® formulas are made using only fresh, premium quality ingredients.

NUPRO® products contain **no** wheat, corn, fillers, grains, artificial sugars or preservatives, glutens or by-products of any kind.

*Ester-C® is a registered trademark of Zila Nutraceuticals.

Ora-Clens Oral Hygiene X-Large Dental Dog Treats, 15 count



Ora-Clens Oral Hygiene Chews are multi function chews that clean your dog's teeth, prevent plaque and tartar buildup and freshens breath. The advanced formula in these dental chews includes the enzymes Lactoperoxidase and Glucose Oxidase coated on the outside. The dental chews have an abrasive texture, so when dogs chew on these treats, it scrubs the surface of their teeth, effectively removing plaque and tartar build up.



Congratulations on your new GIANT SCHNAUZER!

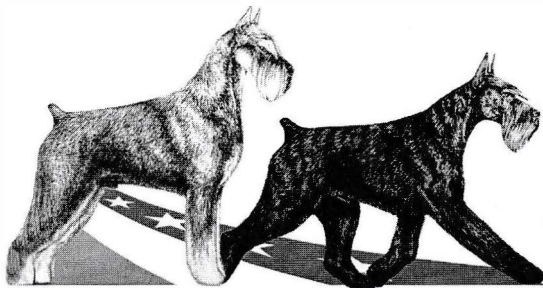
The Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc. congratulates you on your new puppy! We would like to help you enjoy your new family member to the fullest by providing you with some basic breed information as well as resources for further assistance.



Giant Schnauzer - Alert, Intelligent, Watchful, Courageous, Playful, and Loyal

General Description

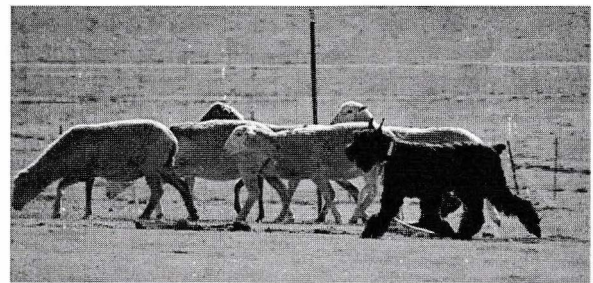
The Giant Schnauzer should resemble, as nearly as possible, in general appearance, a larger and more powerful version of the Standard Schnauzer, on the whole a bold and valiant figure of a dog. Robust, strongly built, nearly square in proportion of body length to height at withers, active, sturdy and well-muscled. Temperament which combines spirit and alertness with intelligence and reliability. Composed, watchful, courageous, easily trained, deeply loyal to family, playful, amiable in repose and a commanding figure when aroused. The sound, reliable temperament, rugged build and dense weather-resistant wiry coat make for one of the most useful, powerful and enduring working breeds.



Breed History

In the English edition of *German Dogs in Word and Picture*, E. von Otto identifies the Giant's progenitor as the "Bear Schnauzer" of Munich, which had long, shaggy hair and was related to the Old German shaggy shepherd dog. This type came to the attention of fanciers of the wire-haired Pinschers and early medium-sized Schnauzers. In an effort to make the hair shorter and the body larger and black, the breed was crossed with the black Great Dane, gaining power and acquiring the discretion of a protecting dog. Other breeds possibly contributing include the Bouviers des Flandres and Standard Schnauzer. Riesenschnauzers, as they are known in Germany, were originally multi-purpose farm dogs used to drive livestock to market and to guard property. As the need for all-around farm dogs declined,

their intelligence and versatility allowed them to work as guard dogs in breweries, butcheries, stockyards and factories. They were practically unknown outside of Bavaria until becoming popular as military dogs during World Wars I and II.



Today's Giant Schnauzer

Giants excel in search and rescue, conformation, obedience, agility and herding with a few still being used for police work. They have earned their reputation as a handsome, intelligent and truly versatile working dog and are deeply loyal to owners and naturally protective of their homes and owners, making them wonderful family companions.

The Giant Schnauzer Blueprint

The Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc. (GSCA) is a member of the American Kennel Club (AKC) and is responsible for writing the standard for our breed – the description of how the ideal Giant should look, move and behave. Responsible breeders strive to produce dogs that are both mentally and physically healthy and conform to this standard. Giants that deviate substantially from the standard in appearance, structure, or temperament should not be bred.

Breeding dogs is a great responsibility that requires a substantial commitment of time and money and is something that should never be undertaken lightly. Re-





Photo by Louis Ruediger

ment and breed type. Responsible breeders are also always there to support you. Always contact your breeder first with any questions regarding feeding, health and training.

Training

Socialization and basic obedience training, beginning at an early age, are essential to ensure that every Giant puppy grows into a well-behaved adult dog. Giants are energetic and playful. But when these traits are combined with boredom, destructive behaviors often result. Giants need regular activities and consistent expectations from their owner. As they are inherently suspicious of strangers and naturally protective of their families and homes, formal protection training is not required. Giants will instinctually take care of what they perceive as their own.



Grooming

All dogs need basic grooming – nails clipped, ears and teeth cleaned, coat brushed, etc. – and Giants are certainly no exception, but they require even more grooming than most breeds. Beards and leg hair (“furnishings”) must be brushed often enough to prevent matting. Dogs that are being shown have

sponsible breeders are charged with the duty of protecting and preserving the Giant Schnauzer for future generations. They are experts in evaluating dogs and only breed for the betterment of the breed using health-tested breeding pairs that complement each other in conformation, tempera-

their coats “stripped” – loose, dead hair is plucked out to allow regrowth of new harsh hair. Pet Giants are usually clippered as this is faster but can also affect coat texture.

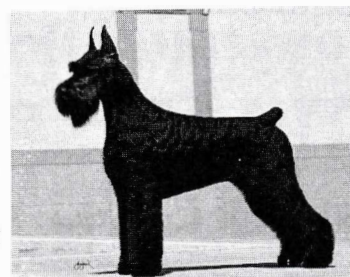


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Rescue

Although GSCA itself is not a rescue organization, there are several reputable groups of volunteers dedicated to finding homes for every Giant in need. Contact information for these programs can be found on the GSCA website under the “Breed Information” tab.

The Parent Club

The Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality and care of the breed of dog known as the Giant Schnauzer. The club is the parent club for the breed in the United States of America and sponsors events and functions that are approved by the AKC. Membership is open to all persons eighteen years of age and older who are in good standing with the AKC and who subscribe to the purposes of the club. Membership in the club is unrestricted as to country of origin.

More Information

For more about this wonderful breed or information on how to become a member of GSCA, please visit www.GiantSchnauzerClubofAmerica.com and join us on Facebook by scanning the QR codes with your smart phone or tablet.

WEBSITE



FACEBOOK



The following publications are available from GSCA and can be ordered from the website:

- *The Giant Schnauzer - A Blueprint for the Breed* (The Illustrated Standard by GSCA)
- *What You Should Know About the Giant Schnauzer* (booklet)
- *Grooming Manual* (booklet)