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## GOT A NEW PUPPY? Here are 8 Tips to help

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**A new puppy in the home can be a wonderful experience, if you follow these New Puppy Tips. I have raised and trained a lot of dogs in the last 35 years, and have learned to use proper tools and technique to make having a puppy a joy. The following tips will help you get a good start on raising your puppy. These tips are only meant to help get you started. Check out my website [www.K9Advantage.dog](http://www.K9Advantage.dog) for more information.**



### **#1 Crate Training**

As soon as you get home with your puppy, put him in a crate (provide a safe chew toy when your puppy is in the crate). Let your puppy get acclimated to his new environment from the safety and comfort of his very own home (the crate). It will help your puppy feel safe and secure as well as help condition your puppy to be calm.

### **#2 Potty Training**

Be sure to take your puppy out for frequent potty breaks, and if you take him on a leash to one spot in the yard you can teach your puppy this is



where to go potty. A helpful tip: in a low positive tone of voice, tell your puppy “Go Potty or Hurry Up.” Before you know it your puppy will be going potty on command.

### **#3 The sit, learning to earn**

Teach your puppy to sit for just about everything. Have your puppy sit before you give him attention, before you feed, before opening a door or gate, and after you go through the door or gate. Consistently doing this will teach your puppy to look to you for guidance and help prevent him from bolting through open doors and gates.

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## #4 Chewing

Provide your puppy with safe toys to chew on. I prefer Nyla/Gumma Bones or Kong Toys. Both of these brands make a huge number of safe chew toys for your puppy to chew on. If you catch your puppy starting to show interest in something they should not be chewing on, always redirect their attention to a chew toy in a fun happy way.

## #5 Leash

When your dog is out of their crate, keep him on a leash (be sure not to let him get tangled around furniture). You should always supervise your puppy when they are out of their crate.



## #6 Feeding

Do not free feed your puppy. Just put enough food down that your dog will finish it right away. If your puppy walks away from his food, pick it up and wait until the next feeding before he gets more food. A couple good reasons to feed this way are; 1) free feeding can create a finicky eater 2) usually the first sign of an illness in your puppy is a change in eating habits. If you free feed and your puppy eats a little here and there it could be hours, maybe a full day, before you realize your dog is not well.

## #7 Games

Play games with your puppy, but be sure to teach him the right way to play. For instance, if you play fetch with your puppy, teach him to release the ball in your hand



or the game ends. When he does let you have it, throw it right away as a reward for bringing it back. End the game before your puppy burns out and loses interest in the game. Always end the game with your puppy wanting more.

## # 8 Training & Socializing

Train your puppy to walk on a leash at an early age (puppies can start learning at 4 to 5 weeks of age). Also take your puppy out into public places early (not to dog parks or other areas where unfamiliar dogs will be). Introduce your puppy to low level distractions and gradually increase them. Have your puppy sit every time he meets someone. It won't be long before he sits on his own to greet people.

## New Puppy Shopping List

- ◆ 2 Stainless steel bowls
- ◆ Nylon or Leather Buckle style collar
- ◆ 6 foot Nylon or Leather leash
- ◆ Id Tag or Chip implant
- ◆ Chew Toys; Nylabone or Kong
- ◆ Crate large enough to stand sit & lie down
- ◆ Brush/comb, nail clippers w/styptic powder
- ◆ Outdoor dog run or exercise pen

### Training in:

#### Nevada

Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City, Laughlin

#### Arizona

Kingman, Bullhead City, Fort Mohave, Lake Havasu City

#### California

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