Suggestions for Puppy Care:

* Use a play pen to keep your puppy contained and to prevent your puppy from being accidently stepped on. The kind with only vertical bars prevents them from climbing out, but be aware of bar spacing width.
* Do not drop, step on, or let your puppy fall off the furniture.
* Keep clothing, shoes, toys, etc out of the reach of your puppy.
* Feed Purina ProPlan, Purina One, Hills, or Royal Canin.
* Crate training is best method for house training. Feeding in carrier will also help puppy to feel at home in their crate.
* Avoid toys with strings. Toys should be bendable or dentable with your finger to avoid breaking teeth.
* Table food will upset your puppies/dogs stomach resulting in vomiting or diarrhea.
* Do not leave your puppy unattended with stuffed or plush toys.
* Will need vaccine boosters at 10-12 weeks of age and 14-16 weeks of age.
* Will need oral heartworm preventative until 6 months of age, then Proheart injection.
* Will need monthly flea and tick prevention: Simparica, Nexguard, or Credelio
* Avoiding dog parks and “playdates” with unknown dogs will lessen your puppy’s exposure to parasites and contagious diseases.
* Obedience class at 16 weeks of age is often helpful.
* Begin working on grooming skills and manners daily. (clippers turned on, combs, nail trimmers, etc)

**List of helpful supplies**

food bowl crate

water bowl washable waterproof puppy pads to fit crate and/or playpen

collar food

leash toys

shampoo (igroom) conditioner (igroom)

metal comb playpen with vertical bars