

Raven Woods Animal Sanctuary

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New Puppy Care

Thank you for adopting your new puppy from Raven Woods Animal Sanctuary. Please read the following information to help keep him/her healthy.

Your puppy has received ____ sets of puppy shots which help to protect against parvo, distemper, adenovirus, and parainfluenza. Although this will help to protect your puppy, he/she will still need additional vaccinations. Please see your veterinarian between 2 and 3 weeks from now to get the next set of puppy shots and schedule additional vaccinations that your puppy will need. Your puppy's immune system is too young at this time to develop full immunity to common puppy diseases, so it is very important to follow up with your veterinarian to get all the vaccinations necessary. Otherwise, your puppy will be in serious danger of getting a possibly fatal disease like parvo or distemper.

Also, until your puppy has had all the vaccinations your veterinarian recommends, please keep him/her away from other dogs who may not be vaccinated and places where unvaccinated dogs may have been.

Your puppy has recently been wormed for hookworms and roundworms. However, worms are very common in puppies and they may get reinfected with them. If you should see worms in your puppy's stool, please check with your veterinarian who will probably check a stool sample to identify what kind of worms your puppy has.

Your puppy has been eating canned puppy food which normally causes a soft stool. Also the stress of adjusting to a new home and diet will frequently cause mild stomach upset/diarrhea. If

this should persist or your puppy does not seem to feel well, please consult your veterinarian.

Your puppy is likely to be bewildered and lonely at first after leaving all its sisters and brothers. He/she will probably cry and whine, especially at night. Please be patient--this will pass!

Until your puppy is adjusted and housebroken we recommend the use of a crate when you can't be there. This not only gives him/her a safe den to call its own, it will save you a lot in soiled carpet and chewing.

When your puppy is about 3 months old, he/she needs to start on heartworm preventative. Heartworms are NOT the same as intestinal worms. Heartworms are carried by mosquitoes and cause serious illness or death. Heartworms are easily prevented by regularly giving medication prescribed by your veterinarian. This medication must be gotten from a veterinarian--it is available only by prescription. Please keep your dog on heartworm medication, exactly as your vet prescribes.

When your puppy is between 5 and 6 months old, it must be spayed/neutered by your veterinarian. When you supply us with proof that this has been done, we will refund \$75 of your adoption fee.

If you have any questions about your new puppy, please call John at 985-474-4900 or Leila at 601-831-0779 (or email at Leila.findahome@gmail.com). We love every one of our dogs here at Raven Woods and we want both the adopter and the dog to be happy. We wish you many happy years with your new family member.