

Puppy Tips

Feeding

Give $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of food, three times per day. Increase as puppy is growing and hungry. As they reach a year old, start to cut back or if they feel chubby, their ribs should not be hard to find.

House Breaking

When your puppy is asleep, make sure to take them outside as soon as they wake up. Putting your puppy in a crate while they sleep ensures they will not mess and hide it somewhere. When using a crate they will let you know when they need to go as soon as they awake.

After the puppy eats they will need to go out, and will usually go within 10-15 minutes. Puppies will go generally 10-20 times per day for a new 8 week old puppy. As the puppy gets older it will lessen to 3-6 times.

We always teach it's the adults who are housebroken never to blame it on the puppy. You will need to learn his/her signs, for example, running in circles like they're looking for a spot, or scratching at the door.

Encourage your pup to go outside by explaining "go pee". Once they pee praise them, say "what a good boy/girl go pee".

Nipping

When a puppy nips, you will need to make a noise that is a surprise to the puppy to alarm them that it's not okay. Ouch works well, as well as any loud noise. If that does not work you can try to give the puppy a toy.

If you still have a problem you will need to do a harsher correction by tugging on the fur and telling the puppy no bite.

I will often tap a puppy on the nose and say ah-ah no bite. When ah-ah does not work, say no in a deep voice.

When a puppy is chewing on something he/she is not supposed to, they must be told not to and given an appropriate chew toy.

Jumping

When your puppy jumps on you say off (not down, it means lie down). Give them a job to do, like sit or down, so they are distracted from jumping.

Socializing

Your puppy will need lots of socializing to grow and develop to be a confident stable adult. The first 20 weeks are the most important. Take them around people and other dogs to become more social.