

# New Puppy Supplies

## In the Puppy Care Pack:

1. **Sentinel Puppy Pack:** I have administered your puppy's Sentinel tablet, but the booklet has a few coupons as well as lot of good info. Feel free to change the type of parasite prevention to any other brand upon the recommendation of your veterinarian. I also use Advantage Multi as well. So any brand that is dual function is great. By dual function, we mean a product that controls both flea / tick and internal parasites.
2. **Food / Snacks:** I have included a small package of the Diamond "taste of the wild" or Eukanuba Puppy. However, if you are unable to find this food, mix the food you do purchase with our food half and half until you have used all of the food I have sent. There are several Eukanuba coupons in the puppy pack as well. We use Cheerios as snacks; I've included a few to start you off.
3. **Vaccination Information:** In the front pocket is a Veterinarian Card. You will take this card to your vet as it contains all of the information your vet needs to record such as vaccinations, microchip number, and fecal results. Please present this at your initial appointment. Also, remind your vet to feel free to give me a call if needed.
4. **Microchip Information:** Your puppy has already been micro-chipped; however, you will need to complete the information in the front pocket. Your puppies tag is in the front pocket as well. If you have any questions, please call.
5. **Toys:** In a small baggie, I've included a few toys your puppy has had in her kennel.
6. **Shampoo:** I have included a bottle of shampoo; basically it is an aloe tear free shampoo. Any tear free shampoo will work.

## The Supplies You Need

Before you bring your puppy home, be sure you have the following supplies:

1. Small bag of **Diamond Naturals Puppy Food or Eukanuba Small Breed Puppy** to get your new puppy off to a good start. (Follow the formal on the bag; however, remember that all puppies are unique. Just make sure he/she is eating and staying active)
2. Tube of **Nutra Cal for Puppies** (purchased at a vet's office) to be administered in doses of 2cc per day after breakfast for at least 3 months. This is a high calorie supplement to head off hypoglycemia and give your puppy lots of energy as it grows. **Bring to the Airport if your puppy is arriving via air.** She may be a bit sluggish when you get her as traveling does take a toll on a puppy. Generally, puppies do fine; however, there is always some risk involved. The nutra cal will help if she is becoming lethargic. Administer the total amount as soon as you take her out of her crate. If she is lethargic at all, administer it immediately.
3. Small stainless steel, non-tip food and water bowls.
4. Identification tags with your Yorkie's name and your phone number. You will need both an xtra small harness or smaller and a retractable nylon 6-foot leash. Your puppy will come micro-chipped, and his / her tag will be included in the puppy pack. I advise that these tags not be placed on the collar.
5. A travel crate that's airline approved and will accommodate your Yorkie's adult size. (You only need one crate) This crate will serve as your Yorkie's new "den" at home, when traveling or riding to the veterinarian's office. His scent in the crate will provide comfort and a sense of security during these stressful times. If your puppy is being shipped, he / she will arrive in a hard crate. It will be the crate the puppy has been started in (kennel training) so do bear in mind it will have some "wear." This is only provided if the puppy is being shipped, but we are always happy to pick up a crate for you. Don't hesitate to ask.

6. Stain remover for accidental soiling may be needed. I recommend **Nature's Miracle** available at pet's mart. This is an enzyme cleaner which does a great job on pet stains and scents.
7. 1 stiff bristle Brush and 1 fine tooth comb. Daily combing is important to keep coat in shape and only takes a few minutes.
8. Dog shampoo (tearless), toothbrush and paste. I generally use a "kids" size toothbrush as it is easier to use and softer than "dog" toothbrushes.
9. High-quality, safe chew toys to ease teething.
10. Flea, tick and parasite controls. We recommend Advantix-Multi or Sentinel available from your vet.
11. Nail clippers.
12. Treats: We use cheerios.

### Helpful Hints

- Use stainless steel, non-tip food bowls, which won't break or absorb odors.
- Toys with parts that squeak or whistle can be dangerous if swallowed. Make sure they cannot be pulled out. Hard button eyes can also be swallowed.
- For a comfortable collar fit, allow for two-fingers of space between the collar and your dog's neck; consider using an adjustable collar.

### Making a Home Safe

To make your home safe for your new puppy, eliminate potential hazards around the house and pay attention to the following items:

#### **\*\* Make sure ALL electrical cords are out of reach\*\***

- Keep breakable objects out of reach.
- Deny access to electrical cords by hiding or covering them; make outlets safe with plastic outlet plugs.
- Safely store household chemicals.
- Keep the following house and garden plants out of reach: **poinsettias, azaleas, rhododendrons, dumb cane, Japanese yew, oleander and English ivy** among others.
- In the garage, be sure engine lubricants and other poisonous chemicals (especially antifreeze) are safely stored.
- If you own a pool or hot tub, check the cover or the surrounding fence to be sure they're in good condition.
- If you provide your puppy with an outdoor kennel, place it in an area that provides sun and shelter in the pen; be sure the kennel is large enough to comfortably accommodate your Yorkie's adult size.
- There are several foods off limits to Yorkies. We advise you keep the kitchen off limits as well as the bathroom. Remember, if you drop an aspirin, your puppy will eat it.... Medicines can be deadly.

### The First Days at Home

The ideal time to bring home a new puppy is when the house is quiet. Discourage friends from stopping by and don't allow overnight guests. First establish a daily routine and follow these steps:

**Step 1:** Before bringing him in the house, take him to the area in your yard that will serve as his "bathroom" and spend a few minutes there. If he goes, praise him. If not, proceed into the house but be sure to take him to this spot each time he needs to use the bathroom.

**Step 2:** Take him to the room that accommodates his crate—this restricted area will serve as his new "den" for several days. Put bedding and chew toys in the crate, leave the door open and line the area outside of the crate with newspaper, in case of an accident. Let him investigate the crate and the room. If he chews or urinates on his bedding, permanently remove it from the crate.

**Step 3:** Observe and interact with your puppy while he's acclimating to his new den. This will help forge a sense of pack and establish you as the pack leader.

### **Special Puppy Concerns**

Even if your puppy is 15 weeks old, she is still an infant: treat her with patience, constant supervision and a gentle touch. The way you interact with your puppy at this age is critical to his socialization. Use these tips:

- Don't bring home a puppy prior to vacation, we will always hold onto your puppy if your vacation is near. He needs to be acclimated to your normal, daily routine without any interruptions for at least a few weeks if not more.
- Supervise your puppy at all times and interact with him regularly.
- Be alert for signs (sniffing and circling) that he has to go to the bathroom, take him outside immediately.
- A young puppy has no bladder control and will need to urinate immediately after eating, drinking, sleeping or playing. At night, he will need to relieve himself at least once.
- Don't punish an accident. Never push his nose in the waste, although verbal scolding is ok. He won't understand, and may learn to go to the bathroom when you're out of sight.
- Praise your puppy every time he goes to the bathroom outside.
- Feed your puppy a formula designed for puppies. Like a baby, he needs nutritious, highly digestible food.