

New Puppy Kit and Needs:

Many of the items below are included in your puppy pack, and are noted. Otherwise, you will need to purchase these items.

- 1. Flea / Heartworm Preventative:** I have administered your puppy's Advantage Multi. Feel free to change the type of parasite prevention to any other brand upon the recommendation of your veterinarian. So any brand that is dual function is great. By dual function, we mean a product that controls flea / tick and internal parasites.
- 2. Food / Snacks:** I have included a small package of the Diamond Naturals: small breed puppy formula or Eukanuaba 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 Eukanuaba coupons in the puppy pack as well. We use Cheerios as Snacks; I've included a few to start you off.
- 3. Vaccination Information:** Your puppy has received at least two vaccinations. He/She has been vaccinated for the following: attenuated strains of canine distemper (CD) virus, canine adenovirus-2 (CAV-2), canine parvovirus (CPV), hepatitis and canine parainfluenza (CPI) virus propagated on an established canine cell line. In the back of your folder, you will find a print out of your puppy's health info. You will also receive an email containing this information. You must take the paper copy to your vet as it contains all of the information your vet needs to record such as vaccinations, microchip number, final health check and fecal results. Please present this at your initial appointment, have your vet / vet's secretary to call me if any information is confusing. Please do not allow your vet to revaccinate without a **Titer Test** as I am a firm believer that over vaccinations is a very bad idea. Many vets do not accept breeder vaccination charts for various reasons. Your vet can call with any concerns and questions as to my protocol.
- 4. Microchip Information:** Your puppy has already been micro-chipped; and requires no action at this time. Simply take note of the number and ask your vet to make sure it is correct. I do check of course, but sometimes numbers can be confused.
- 6. Shampoo:** I have included a packet or small bottle; basically it is a tear free shampoo. Any tear free shampoo will work, although those formulated specially for puppies would be great.
- 7. Misc:** I have included several miscellaneous items such as toys, blankets, ect.. Basically, it just depends on what is available when your puppy is ready to go home. I do try to give as many goodies as possible.

The Supplies You Need prior to arrival:

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

- 1. Small bag of Diamond Naturals Small Breed Puppy Food or Eukanuaba 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) we use cheerios for treats.
- 2. Tube of Nutra Cal for Puppies** (purchased at a vet's office) to be administered in doses of 2cc per day after breakfast and right before you go to bed at night 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. Hypoglycemia is often deadly if the puppy's seizures and it always complicates other issues. If your puppy is struggling with any time of pathogen from internal parasites to kennel cough, hypoglycemia will complicate it.
- 3. Small stainless steel, non-tip food and water bowls.**
- 4. ID Tag:** Identification tags with your Yorkie's name and your phone number. You will need both

an extra small harness or smaller and a retractable nylon 6-foot leash. Your puppy will come micro-chipped, but I advise you not to advertise that fact. I advise that these tags not be placed on the collar.

5. **Crate / Xpen:** 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. Xpens are great if you must confine your puppy in a small area, especially if you are training on paper.

6. **Enzyme Based stain remover:** Accidental soiling will happen and you will need to make sure all traces are gone. 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. **Brushes / combs:** 1 fine tooth comb. Daily combing is important to keep coat in shape and only takes a few minutes.

8. **Hygiene Items:** Dog shampoo (tearless), toothbrush and paste. I generally use a "kids" size toothbrush as it is easier to use and softer than "dog" toothbrushes. Baby wipes come in handy for all sorts of things from cleaning feet to wiping up around the eyes. Nail clippers are a must, but regular human clippers work fine.

9. **Toys:** High-quality, safe chew toys ease teething. Also, plush toys with squeaky parts are great. Yorkies also love to play ball, so extra small tennis balls work well.

10. **Flea, tick and parasite controls:** We recommend Advantage-Multi available from your vet or online. I use this product because it is liquid and I can split the dose. A 2lb yorkie does not need the same amount of meds as a 10lb dog. This is personal opinion only and not meant as expert opinion or advice. Your vet will not recommend this for obvious reasons. It has been effective for me, with no problems. However, this is not what the manufacturer recommends. I can explain how to do this as it is very easy and a money saver if that is a concern.

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, make sure it is not accessible.
- There are several foods off limits to Yorkies, research this well. We advise you keep the kitchen off limits as well as the bathroom. Remember, if you drop it, 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. Be aware that your puppy will probably be somewhat depressed and may have loose stool. It is generally normal. However, if loose stool persists for more than a couple of day or contains any blood / mucus, vet care is needed.

Generally puppies have little appetite the first few days, but you must make sure he/she is eating and drinking. If concerned supplement every day with Nutra-cal in the am and pm. 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 him/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. **Your puppy must eat every day!**