

Simple DOs & DONTs To Follow For Your New Puppy

- ✓ DO be on time to pick up your puppy....whether at a meeting place or at the airport
- ✓ DO communicate with your breeder when you receive your new puppy
- ✓ DO schedule a vet appointment as soon as you have made arrangements to receive your new puppy to avoid missing contract deadline for wellness check
- ✓ DO visit with your vet to plan on finishing all appropriate shots and set up an appropriate worming schedule for your area
- ✓ DO keep your new puppy separate from your other pets (quarantine) for at least 30 days
- ✓ DO play with your puppy, but give it lots of rest! 15 minutes of play to 45 minutes of rest
- ✓ DO keep your new puppy in a small enclosed area with enough room for bed and easy access to food and fresh water
- ✓ DO pay attention to what your puppy eats. NO table scraps and know what foods & houseplants are poisonous
- ✓ DO read any material & instructions your breeder sends to you or gives to you with the puppy.
- ✓ DO communicate directly with your breeder about any issues and for updates and pictures. Your breeder is your best resource for advice/help with your new puppy
- ✓ DO read the contract and make sure you understand all terms and can 100% agree to your responsibilities and the terms
- ✓ DO keep food and fresh water available at all times for your new puppy
- ✓ DO brush/comb, blow dry and clip nails of your new puppy on a regular basis

- ✓ DO keep NutriCal or Karo (light corn syrup) on hand for new puppies. Learn the signs of hypoglycemia and how to react without panic. It could save your new puppy's life!
- ✓ DO use a harness (if a toy breed) rather than a collar on your puppy's fragile neck
- ✓ DO keep the hair clear around the anus to prevent plugs
- ✓ DO use positive reinforcement for training
- ✓ DO make a small play area outside for potty training
- ✓ DO learn the "puppy shuffle"...keep feet on the floor with a little puppy
- ✓ DO remember to register them with your city
- ✓ DO remember to register their microchip information
- ✓ DON'T get a new puppy unless you are fully prepared to properly care for and are ready for the time commitment
- ✓ DON'T get a new puppy unless everyone in your household is in agreement about getting a new puppy
- ✓ DON'T take your new puppy to the store, to the neighbors, to the pet store, groomers, etc. This is a new baby and just like human babies they need rest, with no interruptions. Your new puppy should be confined/protected and kept as stress-free as possible! Moving away from its siblings into a new unfamiliar surrounding is stressful on them and the stress can ignite hypoglycemia and allow opportunistic, otherwise dormant parasites to release into their gut and could have very serious consequences!
- ✓ DON'T leave your new puppy unattended in the yard

- ✓ DON'T change the puppies food immediately...this must be done GRADUALLY over a course of several days
- ✓ DON'T leave your puppy or dog in a hot car...not even for a few minutes
- ✓ DON'T allow your child to handle a puppy unsupervised
- ✓ DON'T put tiny puppies on beds, sofas or chairs where they can fall off
- ✓ DON'T give leptospirosis vaccinations to small-breed dogs

I have read everything on this list - I understand and agree:

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