



## Puppy Care Packet

\*\*\*Many of the items I adore and use are linked on my website under the Recommendations & Favorites area.\*\*\*

All of your puppy's needs, including food, water, activity, training, good health, and hygiene, are now dependent upon you. Please keep in mind, though, that every puppy is unique, and that you should speak with your dog's trainer and veterinarian about their recommendations.

Bringing your new Yorkie into your life and into your heart is thrilling. I know you'll be eager to show him/her off and play with him/her straight away, but be sure to allow your puppy some time to become used to things.

The ideal technique to teach a dog is to reward the puppy when it exhibits the action you desire by giving it a pat, a treat, or a vocal praise (keep it brief and simple though). For example, don't say "Sit...sit...SIT" and expect a response; instead, get the puppy to exhibit the behavior (sitting), and then reward; you may add the phrase and hand signal afterwards.

### **Puppy Chewing**

Since puppies have needle-sharp teeth, this can be challenging! Maintaining a constant supply of chew toys and bones will help you avoid becoming a pincushion. Don't ever let them chew on you. It only takes one family member to approve of the conduct for the kid to also end up as a chew toy. Consistency is key when setting limits and regulations. If your dog starts chewing on you, give them something else to chew on. If they insist, remove yourself from them (stand up and walk away or turn your back on them). They don't want to lose you! Make a brief, sharp "cry" sounds like a puppy, which is another advice that works for the majority of pups. This is how they communicate the pain to their other littermates!

I also don't allow puppies to nip at my face with their teeth. I use their language to "talk" to them. Watch the video on the Facebook Puppy Evaluation Page for additional information about this method.



## **Jumping**

Jumping is another issue that young pups may face, and their enthusiasm and intense love for people may make this very challenging. However, don't even start permitting this behavior. Instead, ignore, turn your back on, or walk away from a puppy that jumps on you. A calm puppy who is sitting is a puppy who is ready for praise and affection. Teach calm, self-controlled habits now; it will pay off as they become larger.

## **Feeding**

Your puppy is used to having kibble out all the time, I recommend this until they are at least 4 months old. They also get canned food 3 times a day. This is to prevent hypoglycemia episodes.

So how much should you feed your new puppy? Please follow the guidelines on the Puppy Homecoming Prep Page under Feeding that corresponds to the weight of your dogs!

We strongly recommend feeding your puppy a high quality dog food. The puppy has begun eating Paw Tree Chicken & Oatmeal food. You may get this fresh food of the highest caliber from my website's NUTRITION category. It will be sent straight to you and you can even have it sent via the autoship option. Because you've committed to using fresher hard kibble, it's preferable to get it every month or so to make sure you have it in time.

## **Potty Training**

Remove food and drink two to three hours before to your bedtime, depending on your bedtime pattern, to give the puppy the best chance of holding it through the night. Bear in mind that your Yorkie's bladder won't be fully grown until he or she is 5 months old, so as they become older, they will be able to hold it longer. If you must take your puppy outside at night, refrain from engaging in play. Be matter of fact (as little talking as possible). Back into the kennel after praising the potty manners. These pups are incredibly intelligent, and they will start waking you up only for this attention if they know you would get up in the middle of the night to play, talk to them sweetly, and show them affection.

I strongly suggest kennel training and potty training is one large reason why. My yorkies will seldom ever go pee in their beds. This is one of the reasons I start "potty training" my puppies at 3 weeks old by separating their whelping box into two sections: one for a nursing and sleep area and one for a toilet area. They will whine when they need to go pee if placed in an appropriate-sized kennel (not too big, but enough room to turn around and lay down). If you cannot watch your puppy or it is naptime, tuck them into their kennel. When it is time to go out, place the kennel by the door and let the puppy walk him/herself out



Initially, you might need to set up the kennel directly outside the door since occasionally they squat after only a few steps! The kennel may be moved more and farther from the door over time. Although the pups are utilizing the doggie door here and eliminating outdoors more than 90% of the time, they obviously understand the difference between a den and an elimination location. Nevertheless, you are taking them to a new "den," so you will need to learn your new yorkie the ropes!

If your dog messes up, just clean it up completely and move on. Only clap your hands and yell at the dog if you see him using the restroom. It is unacceptable and a terrible waste of time for someone to rub their nose in it, etc. Your dog is questioning in their mind why you are having them smell their own excrement or pee. They are aware of the fragrance!

Every 30 minutes is usually enough time for your dog to go pee, as well as after a nap, active play, leaving the kennel, and right after mealtime. When in doubt, take out!

Once more, if you are unable to watch your yorkie, they must go to the kennel.

### **Kennel Use**

Dogs are den creatures and love sleeping in tiny areas. The cost of a crate may appear pricey at first, but when compared to the expense of torn rugs and or chewed up furniture, it is well worth it! It is recommended to start using the crate right away. There are many various crates, but I use the Midwest 24" for them first and then later get their adult crate.

Kennel training facilitates toilet training, allows you and your puppy to take breaks throughout the day, and keeps your puppy secure while you are not present!

To keep puppy engaged while in the kennel, I recommend placing a small plastic container with a lid on the top of the kennel and filling it with a variety of toys. Toys like Kongs, busy bones, nylabones, ect... are all great. They will like to go into the kennel and see what special surprise you have for them!

Even though we introduce puppies to kennels, they have unrestricted access in and out of them. Once you close the door, protest will occur. This is when tough love comes into play; you must ignore the screaming (make sure the pup does not need to pee or that anything is not wrong). If you let them out, they will learn that shouting will get them out! If you "console" them, you are teaching them that their scorn is justified.

Both of your actions will make this procedure extremely tough. Try enticing the pup inside the kennel on his or her own with one of those special treats/toys and then closing the door. As soon as they come in, label the behavior "Kennel," or something more witty if you choose. Generally the crying and protesting only lasts 3 days!



## **Stages of Development and Socialization**

It is critical that your new Yorkie socializes with other people and pets. Avoid other dogs and locations frequented by puppies and other dogs for a few weeks, until your doctor has delivered all immunizations. Having your puppy around other people, dogs, new places, in the vehicle, etc... can result in a lot happy dog that you will be glad to take wherever with you, but you must be wary about Parvo, which may survive in the environment for years and be tracked in your own house on your shoes.

## **Obedience/Training**

Please begin teaching your puppy as soon as possible. They are intelligent, ready to learn, and eager to please! You'll be shocked at how much babies can learn as early as 8 weeks. It is very exciting and rewarding when your pup learns something new!

Begin with sit, down, stay, kennel, and go potty. I strongly advise enrolling your pet in puppy kindergarten! They get to interact, acquire self-control, and start on basic obedience duties. Please don't stop there and upon graduation enroll in a basic class as well. In the assessment papers, I mention two essential principles to help create a good foundation for your pup: hand-feeding and the "sit on the dog" practice. Also, tether training. I have videos of all 3 of these on my website under Videos I also have lots of other educational videos for you! These activities are extremely effective in teaching your dog self-control, attention, and pack behavior.

## **Veterinarian Care**

Vaccinations records are enclosed in the puppy packet. However, your vet will advise on what is best for the proper care of your pet. Please get your puppy spayed or neutered between the ages of 6 and 12 months. The health advantages are numerous, not to mention the catastrophic consequences of an unwanted pregnancy.

## **Parasites**

Unfortunately, parasites in puppies are highly prevalent; it is believed that 95% of puppies have parasites. At Setareh Yorkies, we do our very best to keep our puppies parasite free. They are dewormed at 4 weeks, 6 weeks and 8 weeks. However, not all parasites respond to certain deworming methods. We run random fecal testing to see if there are any problems, and we treat all of the puppies. If there is an issue, medication may be sent home with you to continue. Nonetheless, it is much easier to stop ongoing transmission when complete litters are separated since they keep re-infecting each other! Please ensure that a fecal exam is conducted after 2 weeks of being home and that pups are given more medication if necessary. It's completely pointless to have a fecal during your first health check up within three days of bringing your baby home (per the contract). The puppies have just been given medicine. It is preferable to get it done when you return for their vaccines.



## **Grooming the Yorkie**

Brushing your puppy's hair on a daily basis helps maintain it looking and feeling pleasant! This is a great time for you and your pup to bond. I've had the greatest results with a slicker brush and a metal comb. Make sure to keep your nails clipped as well. It is entirely up to you how frequently they should be groomed! Please be extremely specific with the groomer about how you want your yorkie groomed (take a photo of how you want your dog groomed)!

## **Bathing**

Only bathe your yorkie as needed. Otherwise, it can create dry skin. I definitely believe in purchasing higher quality shampoo and conditioner! Links to my favorites are on my website (Favorites). Also, an important trick to making bathe time worth the hassle is to wash twice. Don't be afraid to use a good amount of shampoo! Secondly, it is imperative to use conditioner on a yorkie. It will leave their hair soft, manageable and easy to brush. Lastly, blow-dry as you brush. I also love cologne spray!

## **Puppy "Massage"**

At Setareh Yorkies, we begin puppy-handling procedures at 3 weeks old. I strongly suggest you continue many of these handling techniques to ensure that your yorkie continues to allow touching and handling in any way shape or form. Here is what we do (order does not matter): rub between toes on all 4 paws, twist and gently tug on tail, tap on nails, open mouth and inspect teeth, rub and manipulate ears, clean corner of eyes, cover eyes, run your hand down face, hold muzzle, rub tummy in circular motion, and run your hand upward along the back. During this process praise your puppy for being a good puppy. Do not try to perform this task while your puppy is in play mode. Wait for he or she to be tired but not overly tired either! If they resist, simply stop, but maintain holding them, once they have calmed down, continue. If you put them down when they are resisting you are teaching them that resisting = getting their way!

## **The Puppy Crazies**

The precise word for the "Puppy insanity" is FRAP (Frenetic Random Activity Periods). This occurs approximately 2 to 3 times a day. This is when your well-mannered puppy goes crazy! He/she rushes about, leaps on furniture, attacks everything, spins in circles, barks, and generally goes out of control. This is normal! The good news is that these bursts of enthusiasm last only a few minutes and your yorkie will grow out of them. With that stated, this is a moment when small children should be taken up and placed in a secure area!

FRAP and young children are rarely a good mix.

Charlotte, my tiny Char, understands to HIDE when the puppies get "wild!"



### **More Resources**

Please visit my website and look under the recommendations including the Favorites Tab for some of my favorite books; don't wait, grab them now. If you need help or want to go over the books before purchasing, I have them all in my personal library.

### **Love and Patience**

You have made the important decision to let a Setareh Yorkie into your heart and home. We sincerely thank you for trusting us to give your puppy the best start possible. I know getting a dog will test my patience and frustrate me, but I also know the rewards will be enormous. Enjoy the complete innocence of a puppy, their ability to stop and smell the flowers, and maybe even taste them, their curiosity is contagious and playfulness is humorous. I can assure you that you will acquire a comedian, confidant, friend, and, eventually, a new family member. If you have any questions, please phone, text, or email me, and please send as many updates and pictures as possible.

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