

Puppy Go Home Information

We recommend the following process when bringing your puppy home to facilitate a smooth transition. Stress, lack of sleep, etc... can create an environment where the pup's immune system is compromised and puppy parasites can flourish.

While they are ALL treated on deworming schedule, pups are leaving me "clean" only to be home for a week or two and have a parasite.

Every dog and puppy has parasites. All live/active parasites can be eliminated during deworming or treatment, although parasites and protozoa have a means of surviving. They lay eggs that go latent in the host's tissues. Only stress, a compromised immune system, pregnancy (thus the puppy parasites - they are passed from mother to child), illness, and disease can "activate" them. Our responsibility is to cure parasites that are still alive before keeping puppies healthy to make sure their bodies are not a haven for them. Unfortunately, a puppy is a chosen host since they have a weakened immune system, are 80% water at birth, and develop so quickly.

After, a lot of thought and research, I would like you to try these things:

- 1. Keep the house completely calm and stress free for at least a week (no new visitors, lots of commotion, lots of handling, etc...) Treat them like a newborn baby coming home. When you come home or visitors to have to come over, please have all shoes removed at the door. Parvo may be transmitted through shoes, as a client with a four-month-old puppy discovered.
- 2. Don't wake up the "sleeping baby" since puppies sleep for such a long time; as long as your pup wakes up with puppy vigor, is silly, eats well, and drinks well, everything will be OK

- 3. For the first three days, just give cooked beef (or boiled chicken) and white rice (you may also put in a little pumpkin - I have a link below or you can use canned pumpkin, not pie filling). A pleasant bland diet is essential during a difficult adjustment. If the stools are still firm after three days, add dog food SLOWLY while increasing the dog food ratio over the course of the following five days. You can make large batches at a time in put in the refrigerator, or even freeze prior to puppy coming home. Recipe for bland diet is located in the Favorites Tab.
- 4. Do not provide ANY goodies (includes bones, etc..). Just the bland diet. We don't want food or goodies to make our stomachs uncomfortable. Upset tummies create a nice environment for parasites.
- 5. When you are back to just food, add a nice probiotic to their food. I use PawTree Gastro Pro Plus I have a link below.

When to worry:

- 1. Stool contains mucus or blood (give a bland diet for 24 hours; if it persists, a fecal test may be necessary).
- 2. Puppy is sluggish, does not play with the same enthusiasm, and/or refuses to eat.
- 3. Puppy cannot produce feces and vomits. This might signal he/she ate something and has a blockage. This is an emergency.
- 4. Liquid poop. Be careful. A trip to the vet will be required if the puppy's excrement does not improve right away since puppies might dehydrate fast.

Gastro Pro Plus **Pumpkin** found and be may at http://yorkies.setarehpets.com/favorites.php I hope this helps the adjustment for your puppy simpler and healthier, and I appreciate you taking such good care of them.

Love Heather

P.S. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns

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