

Puppy Care Sheet

Puppies are eating **Pro Plan Chicken and Rice Sport Kibble**.



They are eating $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup 3 times a day and that amount will steadily increase as they grow. If they don't eat it all, remove it in 5-10 minutes. Don't let them overeat at a sitting or they may get diarrhea. Slowly wean them down to 2 feedings in 1-2 months. The puppies have been exposed to a variety of chewies, including Greenies, Rawhides, cow hooves, bones, and bully sticks. We keep as many chew options as we can around for our dogs and the puppies get their choice.

Vaccines: DPC at 7 weeks

A vet visit the first week is always great for getting the puppy looked over again and starting the relationship with the vet. The puppies are due for their next vaccine around **10 weeks old**. Discuss the vaccines available with your vet. They will know which diseases are common in your area and what is needed there. Your lifestyle will also decide which vaccines are needed. Boarding, grooming, and classes will require more vaccines than others. Hiking, hunting, camping, or being on a farm will also increase risks. We vaccinate our dogs for DPC for the puppy series, 1 year old, and 4 years old and then do titers yearly, starting at 7 years old. Most vets offer titers as well as vaccines. We do Lepto and Lyme yearly due to where we live and Rabies around 6 months old and then as a 1 year old and every 3 years after that. Each state has different laws for vaccines that your vet must follow. Bordatella and Flu vaccines may be required where you live as well for classes, boarding, and grooming.

Dewormings: Pyrantel at 3, 5, and 7 weeks
Toltrazuril at 4 and 8 weeks for 3 days
Panacur at 7 weeks for 7 days

Fecal: 7 weeks

Other: Heartguard at 7 weeks
Frontline at 4 and 7 weeks-We use the spray on the smaller puppies and it does not last a whole month

We require that all puppies have a negative fecal before they leave our house. Despite this, a couple of puppies have had some problems after a week in their new homes, a couple with coccidia and one with giardia. There is no way to know if they picked it up at our home or their new homes for sure, but both can show up under stress. Going to a new home is stressful and can result in some stomach problems, so we have added in a longer dewormer at the 7 week mark to cover any giardia exposure as well.