

PUPPIES - AT HOME

- Puppy Proof the house :** *Prevent access to power chords or dangerous items to chew
Remove any baits or poisons in the house
Prevent access to shoes or socks to steal and chew on
Provide a bed and sleeping area
Provide readily available and access to water*
- Provide Chew Toys :** *Puppies need to chew and exercise their jaws
Puppies need to chew especially when teething
Provide 2 or 3 chew toys for inside and outside
Toys that are indestructible, yet not too hard on the teeth
Kongs with treats inside are ideal*
- Toilet Training :** *Give your puppy regular visits outside (every hour)
Take puppy outside after sleeping, eating, drinking or playing
Take puppy outside if they are sniffing or pacing
Never punish for accidents
Don't use outside as a punishment or sin bin area
Choose the same area each time if possible
Praise quietly when puppy is going and praise big after
Give it time and be consistent*
- Feeding :** *Feed puppy 3 or 4 times across the day
Raw, fresh mince with blanched, pulped up green leafy veges
or very high quality dry puppy food
Never feed dogs cooked bones, onions, chocolate or corn cobs*
- Behavioural :** *Interrupt bad behaviours
Ignore attention seeking - wait till puppy is calm before rewarding
eg barking, jumping up or scratching
Be careful what you reward for and reinforce
Ignore jumping up and try not to pat
Reward and Capture desired behaviours and praise focus
Always monitor your puppy and promote good behaviours early*
- Socialisation :** *Provide GOOD socialisation to everything in your world
eg people, other dogs, noises, machinery
Positive experiences during critical period (6-20 weeks)
Create a great bond through play and positive touch*
- Independence :** *Give puppy short times alone and gradually extend duration
Only let puppy in when they are calm (not barking or scratching)
Provide an enriched environment when puppy is on its own
eg provide games, chew toys and things to do
Don't make a big deal when leaving or arriving home
Crate train puppy to assist with independence and security*