

New Puppy Owner's Information Sheet

Food: Purina Puppy Chow Complete. DO NOT USE LARGE BREED

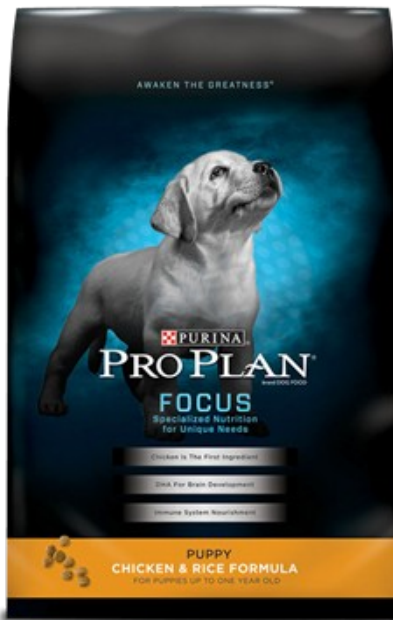


Pups are usually feed “free choice” for the first 3 to 4 months depending on if at healthy weight. I usually move my pups to adult at 7 months to 1 year or sooner if he/she is gaining weight. Your puppy is currently eating dry Purina Puppy Chow Complete. If you choose to change the food please follow the schedule below:

Day 1 80% Puppy chow 20% New food
Day 2 60% Puppy chow 40% New food
Day 3 40% Puppy chow 60% New food
Day 4 20% Puppy chow 80% New food

NOTE: If puppy shows any signs of vomiting or diarrhea try slowing down the change to 8 days. If still not stopped switch back to Puppy chow.

Purina Pro Plan Savor or Focus Puppy formula is a great higher end Dog food. Please use the formula above to switch. They also have a great Weight management food that Jackson and Jilly are currently on for weight loss. We see a steady slow weight loss with this food and everyone else tries to steal it so it must be tasty!



Toys:

Squeaky toys, rattling toys, and those with bells are great fun. Most such toys are also destructible, so monitor your puppy if he has moved into a destructive phase. Squeakers and nylon pieces are better in the toy and as a part of the toy than in your puppy – so don't let him chew and swallow any pieces. Kong makes some stronger fabric squeaker toys that can be found at Petsmart.

Toys made of hard rubber are sturdy and come in various shapes and sizes. Insert a biscuit treat or peanut butter into rubber toys with holes to get him to work for the prize (Kong Brand)



No antlers, bones (pork or cow) and rawhides during at least the first 6 months. Instead purchase edible chews that are safe for puppies. (Purina Busy Bones or Nylabones are great)



They currently like to sleep with and on stuffed toys. At this age the “non-stuffing” soft toys with the “crinkle” inside usually are not destroyed as easy and they love the noise. These as well as “teething” toys can be found at Petsmart.

Rotate the toys puppy plays with each week, otherwise, he may get bored and ignore them in favor of something new, like your shoes! Also, make sure every member of your family spends a little one-on-one time playing with puppy, so they can form a special bond with one another.

Crate Training:

This is my preferred way of house breaking as well as getting thru the first year of getting into trouble. It is very important to fit the dog to the crate. If the crate is too big the puppy will potty inside the crate. My favorite crate is the new model of Petmate Compass It has a very easy door to open as well as extra vent holes. Finally they fixed the bars on the door so they are too small for the dog's mouth to get stuck. I have 2 sizes, one for first 4 to 5 months and one for their adult size. Amazon has great prices on this line. 24.6x 16.85 x 15 first crate.

I have found most puppies at this age are more comfortable in the plastic crates.

http://www.petmd.com/dog/puppycenter/potty-training/evr_dg_crate_training_for_puppies



There are many websites that can help with your potty training. You can also contact me for advice. Remember puppies can only hold their bladder for 1 hr per month of age. For example a 3 month old can hold it up to 3 hrs. If up and playing your new pup will need to go about every 15 to 25 min at 8 weeks old. They are unable to control their bowels till after 3 months old. Your pup some be immediately taken outside to potty as soon as he/she wakes up, you take them out of the crate, before/after/during playtimes, after meals.

My dogs are given a “key word” to know when to potty. More info on how to train with key words on 2nd weblink.

http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/housetraining_puppies.html

<http://www.dogbreedinfo.com/cratetraining.htm>

<http://www.dogbreedinfo.com/housebreaking.htm>

Remember Beagles are scent hounds, if they smell pee then they will pee again in same spot. Use an enzyme cleaner to break down the “accident” scent and prevent accidents in the same spot. There are many brands and formulas for hard floors or fabric/carpet.



Vaccines/Parasites/Vet clinics:

At 6 weeks your pup received his/her Spectra 5-way Puppy shot. Your pup will have to continue his vaccines either with a vet or given at home (see Health Vaccination Record enclosed in your puppy folder). Rabies shots MUST be given by a vet. Most counties have Vet clinics for reduced cost rabies shots in the spring and fall. The Spectra 7 way shot has now been replaced with Spectra 9 or 10 way shot.

Your pup has been dewormed with a Pyrantel Pamoate wormer (Nemex 2) that is safe for young pups and Dams. This was done at 2, 4, 6 weeks. Your vet may choose to perform another treatment or do fecal test.

Flea & tick treatments. I am recommending a new product that is currently being used in my area with great success at the Beagle clubs. It is not messy or washes off when the dog gets wet. Don't have to worry about petting your dog and getting it on you either. It is more expensive in the beginning but instead of lasting for 1 month it last 8 to 12

months. Seresto Collar by Bayer. Cost is 40 to 50 online at Amazon which I have found as the cheapest.



Low cost spay/neuter at the Jessica Beath Clinic. <http://jessicabeathclinic.org/> It is located in Ashland, Va near Richmond.

Spay 60.00
Neuter 50.00

They also do some low cost procedures as well as vaccinations.

If your pup displays behaviors you are not happy with correct them immediately. If its cute now will it be cute when he is full grown? If you wait it will worsen and continue. If he/she is mouthy, **DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO CHEW ON YOUR HANDS OR FEET.** Immediately saying “ouch” loudly at this young age will cause them to stop then redirect them to a toy to chew on.

We all know they will cry during the first week or so at their new home. If you brought a towel/blanket/toy where the scent of the litter/dam was rubbed on it, place it inside the crate where they will sleep. I have found a stuffed animal for them to cuddle with also helps. An empty aluminum coke can with a few pennies placed inside with tape over the hole makes a great noise maker that will startle them making them stop barking/whining.

Then say “quiet”. It takes time but it will work. Your puppy will have to be taken outside during the night to go potty during the first month. Most will be able to sleep through the night at by 3.5 to 4 months old.

Please contact me with questions or concerns at macybaybeagles@gmail.com I love to receive updates on my puppies at any time. I would greatly appreciate at least a picture of them at 1 year old to check their conformation/color.

Enjoy your new fur baby!