

# CARING FOR YOUR PUPPY



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**Dogs make enjoyable and affectionate pets. They very quickly build up a strong bond with human beings. Remember that dogs are a long-term commitment.**

## CHOICE OF BREED

When choosing you must consider its full-grown size, the size of your home and garden, the amount of exercise needed, who will be responsible for looking after him during the day, and who will exercise, feed and groom him. You will also need to consider holiday arrangements.

## SETTLING IN

When you take your puppy home he will need lots of rest, but do not leave him unattended for long periods of time.

## NAMING YOUR PUPPY

Give your puppy a short name and call him by it regularly.

## BEDDING

Your puppy will require a bed or basket and a blanket. Place the bed out of draughts and encourage him to use it whenever he is resting.

## FEEDING

You will be supplied with a diet sheet. Your pet shop stocks a wide range of suitable canned, dry and moist foods to satisfy your puppy's nutritional needs. Fresh water must be available at all times.

## HOUSE TRAINING

Each time he wakes up, after meals and at bedtime, take your puppy to a quiet corner of the garden. Wait with him and praise him when he has finished. If he makes a mistake scold him firmly. For a short time he may require a litter tray at night.

## GROOMING

Groom regularly with a comb and soft brush. He will soon get to enjoy being groomed. Later on you can use a harder brush.

## WORMING

Your puppy must be wormed regularly with a proprietary worming preparation.

## FLEA CONTROL

It is important to prevent infestation. Your pet shop will show you the many products available.

## INOCULATIONS

Your puppy must be vaccinated regularly against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis and parvovirus. Your vet will advise you.

## NEUTERING/SPAYING

Unless you wish to breed from your dog it is advisable to seek veterinary advice on neutering or spaying.

## EXERCISE

Your dog will require daily exercise. Always keep him on a lead in public, except in designated areas. Be prepared to clean up after him whenever necessary. Your dog must also wear a collar with a fitted name tag or disc when in public.

## OBEDIENCE TRAINING

A well-trained dog is a happy dog and is unlikely to cause a nuisance to others. There are weekly dog training clubs in most areas.

## TOYS

Your puppy will enjoy playing with these. There is a wide variety of branded products to choose from.

## SHOPPING LIST

Food, Vitamins, Food Dish, Water Dish, Litter Tray, Litter and Scoop, Basket/Bed, Blanket, Toys, Brush, Comb, Carry Kennel, Collar, Tag/Disc, Flea Preparation, Wormers and Specialist Breed Book.

This leaflet gives basic guidelines only. It is not intended to be a substitute for a good book on Dog care. Your pet shop will be pleased to show you their range.

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