

SIMPLE DOs & DONTs to follow for your new puppy

- DO read the contract and make sure you understand all terms and can 100% agree to your responsibilities and the terms
 - DO set up your autoship for the dog food with Life's Abundance before receiving your new puppy
 - DO be on time to pick up your puppy....whether at a meeting place or at the airport
 - DO communicate with your breeder when you receive your new puppy
 - DO schedule a vet appointment as soon as you have made arrangements to receive your new puppy to avoid missing contract deadline of 48 hours for wellness check
 - DO visit with your vet to plan on finishing all appropriate shots and set up an appropriate worming schedule for your area
 - DO keep your new puppy separate from your other pets (quarantine) for at least 30 days (especially breeding animals)
 - DO play with your puppy, but give it lots of rest! 15 minutes of play to 45 minutes of rest
 - DO keep your new puppy in a small enclosed area with enough room for bed and easy access to food and fresh water
 - DO pay attention to what your puppy eats. NO table scraps and know what foods & houseplants are poisonous
 - DO communicate directly with your breeder about any issues and for updates and pictures. Your breeder is your best resource for advice/help with your new puppy
 - DO keep food and fresh water available at all times for your new puppy
 - DO brush/comb, blow dry and clip nails of your new puppy on a regular basis
 - DO keep NutriCal or Karo (light corn syrup) on hand for new toy breed puppies. Learn the signs of hypoglycemia and how to react without panic. It could save your new puppy's life!
 - DO use a harness (if a toy breed) rather than a collar on your puppy's fragile neck
 - DO keep the hair clear around the anus to prevent plugs
 - DO use positive reinforcement for training
 - DO make a small play area outside for potty training
 - DO learn the "puppy shuffle"...keep feet on the floor with a little puppy
 - DO remember to register them with your city, if applicable
 - DO remember to register their microchip information
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- DON'T get a new puppy unless you are fully prepared to properly care for and are ready for the time commitment
 - DON'T get a new puppy unless everyone in your household is in agreement about getting a new puppy
 - DON'T take your new puppy to the store, to the neighbors, to the pet store, groomers, etc. This is a new baby and just like human babies they need rest, with no interruptions. Your new puppy should be confined/protected and kept as stress-free as possible! Moving away from its siblings into a new unfamiliar surrounding is stressful on them and the stress can ignite hypoglycemia and allow opportunistic, otherwise dormant parasites to release into their gut and could have very serious consequences!
 - DON'T leave your new puppy unattended in the yard
 - DON'T change the puppy's food or give it any non-approved treats
 - DON'T leave your puppy or dog in a hot car...not even for a few minutes
 - DON'T allow your child to handle a puppy unsupervised
 - DON'T put tiny puppies on beds, sofas or chairs where they can fall off
 - DON'T give leptospirosis vaccinations to small-breed dogs

I have read everything on these lists, understand and agree: _____