

Hurricane Cavaliers

Puppy's First Days

A few tips from us.....making the first days, first weeks an easy transition.....



Your puppy has been bred for superior intelligence and a loyal, cooperative disposition. The combination of good genetics, loving care, proper correction and training results in a dog that is capable of going far beyond the 'family pet'.

I hope that you will enjoy your new puppy, and that he/she will soon feel a part of your family. Have patience, as it may take him several days to adjust to his new surroundings. We would like to offer a few suggestions that we feel would hasten this adjustment:

First of all in the binder you have or will receive, you will find your puppy's health records in an envelope, you will need to finish his series of shots and have him/her spayed or neutered. When you take your puppy to the vet please bring his/her health record, it will aid you vet in

determining which shots are needed next and any other pertinent health information. We recommend getting shots at ages 8, 12 and 16 weeks. We also recommend getting your puppy's Rabies shot at 20 week of age. On the front of the health record is a sticker with your puppy's microchip number on it, your vet will need to record this in his files.

You will also need to fill out the AKC form inside the binder given to you to register your puppy's chip along with his/her AKC registration. This is very important in the event your puppy/dog is lost or stolen and will aid in his/her safe return to you. The lifetime fee for this is \$17.00.

Your puppy is now eating solid food. There is no need to grind food, or to add milk, water or soft dog food. Water should be available at all times. Your dog's breath, and dental health will be good throughout its life if you do not feed soft dog food. We require that you feed a natural, premium puppy/dog food. We feed Open Farm Ancient Grains Puppy Food for at least the 1st 6 months of life. We also like to add in Open Farm Kefir, Bone Broth and sometimes Open Farm Gently Cooked frozen or wet stews (not frozen). You can usually find it at Feed & Tack Stores, or high end or health food stores. You can also go to their website www.openfarmpet.com and click on find us to find the nearest store that offers this food or order it directly from their website. We carry it at our grooming shop, The Hairy Dog in Phoenix. They have a great line of healthy dehydrated treats also. We also sprinkle Carna4 Flora4 on our dogs food daily to provide probiotics & enzymes to their diet. It gives the benefits of eating a raw diet without actually having to feed raw. You can read more about it and/or order it at www.carna4.com. Your puppy will come with a sample of this food and the Carna4 Flora4 food topper as well as brochures (included in his/her binder) explaining the benefits and ingredients of this excellent food and topper. Up until now your pup has had food available at all times, but now that you are house training, you will want to go to a 2 or 3 times a day feeding regimen so that 'potty' times are predictable (within 5-10 minutes from feeding time...your pup will have his very own exact schedule). If you work during the day, feed once in the a.m., allowing puppy to potty before you leave, and once when arriving home for the same reason. If you are home all day, you may feed 3 times daily. Your puppy will eat between 1 and 1 1/2 cup of food per day.

Sometimes, a bout with 'the runs' will occur after taking puppy home. This can be due to stress of new surroundings, new food, and new water. If puppy continues to eat and drinks normally, don't worry; your problem should solve itself in a day or two. Feed white rice and the Carna4 Flora4 till the diarrhea stops, along with bottled water. You can also feed a couple of tablespoons of canned plain pumpkin to help regulate the PH in the intestines. The first day or so your new puppy will be nervous, curious and busy making acquaintances. He or she might not feel the need or have the urge to eat. This is normal. If it continues you may offer his regular food with some salt free chicken or beef broth.

Remember, a fat dog is not a healthy dog; a lighter dog is also easier on the frame of the dog. Allow your vet to evaluate your dog's weight once a year. Do not feed your dog cooked bones, as they can splinter and get lodged in the colon.

I could write a book on housebreaking alone.....but a few suggestions that we might make are: Take puppy out first thing in the morning, after each meal, after nap time, after playing, and last thing before bedtime. Praise him highly when he goes outside, and scold him with a firm 'no' when he has an accident in the house. Do not let him have free reign of the house unsupervised, that is just asking for disaster. When he eliminates outside, mark the spot, and each time, take him to that same spot, he will soon learn to eliminate whenever taken out and he smells the familiar smell (you can also train them to go in the same area of your yard this way!). After he has gone outside, let him have the

freedom of the house, or a confined area such as the kitchen for a while. A box, dog crate, or kennel will come in handy when you are away or too busy to watch puppy. The puppy will usually be clean and will not want to dirty his box if the box is small enough that he cannot eliminate in one end and sleep in the other. (SEE the insert on Crate Training contained in your binder). If you can concentrate on the house-training the first two weeks you will not encounter many problems thereafter.

Although your puppy has been wormed, we suggest you take a sample of his stool to your vet on your first vet visit. Your puppy has had at least its first vaccine as well. Runny stool can be common the first couple of days after a vaccination or change in surroundings, but be sure to call your vet if this persists. If puppy is eating fine, drinking plenty of water, and acting alert and playful, there should be no reason for alarm.

The first night is often the most difficult; you may place a hot water bottle filled with warm water, wrapped in a towel, in the puppy's crate to simulate another pup. Also, if you have played with puppy a lot and held him the first day, take off the shirt you have worn and place in puppy's crate. Familiar smells always comfort a canine. A ticking alarm clock (heart rhythm), or a clock radio (voice) by crate can also be soothing. Otherwise, hang in there, it won't be long before your pup will be sleeping through the night on its own.

Common Questions & Shopping List:

- **Leash/Collar?** Ask any pet store for an adjustable collar for a Cavalier puppy' usually one that adjusts from 4 to 10 inches will work fine and a matching leash. Harnesses are great for puppies learning to use a leash. They are better for their necks and are easily used in the car to attach to the seatbelt for safety.
- **Crate?** Have a crate suitable for a dog weighing 20 pounds ready for the ride home as well as for house-training. They like the crates that are plastic, they have more of a den feel. Or you can use the wire ones with a crate cover.
- **Fleas & Ticks:** We use Wondercide spray, it works great! You can get it from Wondercide.com or in our grooming shop, The Hairy Dog.
- **Supplement?** Due to variation/quality of foods, and that there is not a vaccine available for EVERY canine illness, **we highly suggest that your puppy be on a supplement recommended** by us, which is only available through breeders like Hurricane Cavaliers. This supplement is important for immune system, bone and cartilage development, as well as a strong and healthy heart. The Cavalier Club in California did a study on one of the ingredients in this supplement called Pine Bark. It was actually proven to help strengthen the heart muscles and help prevent MVD. This is one of the main reasons we choose to use this specific supplement. The order line to call for '**NuVet-Canine**' supplement is 1-800-474-7044 and our breeder wholesale order code is #35204. You may either order a month's supply, a three month supply or a year supply. You'll save money on the 'auto-order program which will also make sure you have supply on hand if you forget to order when you run out (saves you the hassle!). Included in this packet is a sample of this supplement, enough for 6 days. Give ½ tablet every day, just break it in half and give it to them as a treat. It tastes like chicken, they love it.
- **Bed?** They like the doughnut type, also very easy to wash.
- **Toys?** They love squeaky rubber toys, rope toys, Sherpa toys, stuffed animals, ect. No rawhide, it can get lodged in their throats or expand in their bellies.
- **Shampoo?** A gentle puppy shampoo, oatmeal is a great one. I also have a recipe for a shampoo bar on my website on the links page.
- **Food & Water dishes?** Use metal or ceramic dishes, plastic will take the black off noses.
- **Pet Insurance?** We recommend Trupanion Insurance, it has excellent coverage at a reasonable price. We will give you the paperwork and all the info you need about it when you pick up your puppy. You will get a 30 day free trial.
- **The Hairy Dog:** Our grooming shop at 2441 E Indian School Rd Ste 102 Phoenix, Az 85016 carries a lot of these items and lots of fun specialty items. We are also experts at grooming Cavaliers!! Give us a call 602-327-3847 or check us out online at www.thehairydog.net

Thanks! Please call or email if you have any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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