

DOG CARE BASICS



Housetraining

As a general rule, we recommended taking your dog or puppy outside every 2 hours to start as well as immediately after waking up, eating, or drinking. Establishing a routine is incredibly important when it comes to housetraining your new pet. Be sure to feed your new pet at a regular time every day and keep them tethered or crated when inside unsupervised. For detailed information on how to housetrain your new pet, go to: <http://bit.ly/howtohousetrain>

Crate Training

Crate training provides a safe environment for your new dog and teaches them responsibility and lessens anxiety. It is also an important step in preventing destructive behaviors when left unattended. For detailed information on how to crate train your new pet, go to: <http://bit.ly/cratetrainingdogs>

Vet Care

Puppies will need vaccinations every 3-4 weeks until they reach at least 4 months of age at which time they can be spayed/neutered. It is VERY important not to bring your puppy to any dog parks or introduce them to any dogs (outside of your own dogs) until they are FULLY vaccinated.

Adult dogs will need to see the vet at least once a year for routine vaccinations and exams.

Preventing Unwanted Behavior

Supervise or confine. Keeping your new dog occupied is the key to preventing destructive or unwanted behaviors. Be sure they have plenty of toys and get plenty of exercise each day. When you are not home or cannot supervise your new pet, keep them confined to a crate (see crate training above) or tethered with a leash.

Socialization

Once your dog or puppy is fully vaccinated, it is important to introduce them to a variety of experiences, animals, and people. For more information on socializing your new pet, go to: <http://bit.ly/socializingdogs>