

New Puppy Training Tips:



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Your new puppy will not have the capacity to remember where to go to the bathroom until (s)he is at least one year old. (S)He is an infant until that age so peeing comes naturally and the puppy is not able to remember potty training rules until (s)he is older. Your puppy will do best during infancy to have a safe place to relieve (her)himself without getting into trouble for going in a spot that is not appropriate. Dogs relieve themselves where they feel most comfortable so give your puppy a puppy pen with enough room to play, eat and drink, and relieve (her)himself. You can set up an indoor or outdoor puppy pen. This is not crate training, it is a safe place for the puppy to be a mischievous puppy until (s)he is of an age that (s)he can be potty trained. Until the puppy is one year old, you can carry (her)him, hold (her)him, and play with (her)him, all while supervising (her)him and taking (her)him back to where (s)he has learned to be most comfortable to relieve (her)himself. I suggest providing a crate in your indoor/outdoor puppy pen for your puppy to sleep in so that your pup has a bed but also so that your pup becomes comfortable and familiar with the crate for future travel.

Having a puppy pen is one of the most efficient and effective ways to train a puppy while keeping the puppy restricted to a safe area while (s)he is a baby. Until your dog is housetrained (s)he should not be allowed free run of your house. Otherwise, (s)he will develop a habit of leaving piles and puddles anywhere and everywhere.

As your puppy matures establish a routine that increases the chances that (s)he will eliminate in the right place in your presence, so that (s)he can be praised and rewarded. This decreases the chances that your puppy will eliminate in the wrong place so that (s)he will not develop bad habits while (s)he matures. There is now an app that you can download onto your phone that will remind you to take your puppy out. We recommend that you set that alarm for every 30 minutes for the most success.

Mistakes and accidents during training- they WILL happen!

If you find an accident in the house, just clean it up. Do not punish your dog. Until (s)he can be trusted, don't give him unsupervised free run of your house. If mistakes and accidents occur, it is best to go back to puppy pen training.

PUPPY PLAYPEN

A playpen keeps your puppy enclosed while still allowing for the puppy to play. Include food, water, toys, chews for teething, and a crate or bed for your puppy to sleep/hide in so when you are unable to supervise your puppy (s)he is safe and is permitted to be an infant/puppy!



PUPPY KENNEL

A kennel is terrific to use as a bed in your puppy's pen but make sure that you remove the door so that your pup doesn't push it closed. It can also be used if needed for car trips or to keep by your bed at night so that the puppy can be put into the kennel when you get tired after holding him!!! Puppies are infants and they cry a lot when they are put down or left in a pen or kennel so at night if you prefer for your puppy to be in a kennel we recommend that you put it on or next to your bed so that your puppy can see you.

FOOD/WATER BOWLS, TOYS, and CHEWS are very important for your puppy right now.



Our pups love Himalayan Yak Bones.



Toys are important for puppies! Arizona Ground Hounds avoids toys that squeek for Dachshund puppies as it can sometimes cause them to become more aggressive toward animals by bringing out their hunting characteristics/prey drive. Toys that crinkle will make your puppy happy when they are very young. Your vet can recommend safe chews for your puppy and Greenies, elk horns, and Yak Bones are great choices.



HAY

For the inside of your puppy playpen we recommend using dry grass hay from places such as horse feed stores and Chewy. It is dried hay which feels like grass to your puppy's feet which makes it so much easier for your puppy to transition into the grass in your yard. You can order this from places like Chewy and you can also pick it up at your local horse feed store.

POTTY PATCH

Some of our puppy parents like potty patches for their puppy. It is a patch of artificial grass with a tray underneath so that your puppy can learn to go where he should. This can be used indoors or on an apartment balcony or patio but be careful because often your puppy could chew it.

NO PEE PADS

Arizona Ground Hounds does NOT recommend that you use "pee pads" for potty training as they often lead the puppy to pee on blankets and rugs as they grow because the pee pads feel soft like blankets to your learning puppy! Your Arizona Ground Hound has already been introduced to hay and grass and if you use hay in your puppy's playpen you will have a head start with potty training! This should only be used inside the pen as you work to get your puppy to understand where to go outside!

PUPPY TRAINING CLASSES

Arizona Ground Hounds recommends that you get your puppy into training classes for social skills and puppy skills and also to help you learn to train your puppy. PetsMart is who we recommend for your first puppy training classes. When your puppy graduates send us a picture of your puppy with his/her graduation cap and diploma and we will send your puppy a congratulations gift!

NUVET SUPPLEMENTS

Arizona Ground Hounds recommends that you keep your puppy on Nuvet Powder. Your puppy is already taking this supplement one time daily every morning before (s)he goes home to you. Leaving (her)his mama's milk and antibodies leaves your puppies immune system needing some support.

We use a teaspoon of cottage cheese, or Freshpet to mix your puppy's Nuvet into daily when your puppy goes home.

A major cause of poor health in our beloved pets is the lack of proper nutrition with their diets. NuVet Plus® is the culmination of 8 years of research and development, formulated with the goal of creating a nutrient-rich formula that would surpass mere vitamin replenishment. Instead, the supplement provides full-spectrum nutritional support that focuses on boosting your pet's immune system and overall health.

Keeping your pet's immune system strong is crucial in today's environment. Household toxins, fertilizers, pesticides, and even many of today's pet foods leave your pet's immune system susceptible. Regular and even premium brand pet foods do not give your pup enough nutrition. Just like humans we cannot eat the precise types of foods to provide enough nutrition for our bodies and it is the same for our dogs and puppies.

Nuvet high-quality supplement incorporates a precise formula of antioxidants, amino acids, vitamins, minerals, enzymes, herbs and more. **NuVet Plus®** brings together vital ingredients that perform synergistically to help improve your pet's health and keep them healthy. Our supplement is made using Natural ingredients that are formulated in a FDA Registered Facility using CGMP standards.

NuVet Plus® ingredients and nutrients are compounded to maintain their integrity and bio-digestibility for complete cellular infusion. We use special "paddle dried," whole chicken liver that provides vitamin potency, as well as a taste your pet will love.

Ingredients

Blue Green Algae, Brewer's Yeast, Cat's Claw, Evening Primrose Oil, Shark Cartilage, Oyster Shell, Alpha Amylase, Beta Carotene, Pine Bark, Papain, L Methionine, Alfalfa, Chicken Liver, Vitamin B1 (Thiamin), Vitamin B2 (Riboflavin), Vitamin B3 (Niacin), Vitamin B5 (Pantothenic Acid), Vitamin B6 (Pyridoxine), Vitamin B12, Vitamin D, Vitamin K, Manganese, Magnesium, Iron, Copper, Amino Acids (Tryptophan, Threonine, Isoleucine, Leucine, Lysine, Methionine, Cystine, Phenylalanine, Tyrosine, Valine, Arginine, Histidine, Alanine, Aspartic Acid, Glutamic Acid, Glycine).

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Vitamins

Vitamin A*	1000 IU
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Vitamin E	50 IU
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Vitamin C	50 mg
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*From Beta-Carotene

Minerals

Phosphorus	83 mg
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Potassium	50 mg
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Zinc	10 mg
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Calcium	100 mg
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Selenium	75 mcg
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Nuvet recommends the following dosages for their wafers:

Recommended Daily Dosage

1/2 wafer for pets under 5 lbs
1 wafer for pets over 5 lbs
2 wafers for pets over 100 lbs

Here at Arizona Ground Hounds we use the wafers at the recommended dosage for all of our adults and our adult rescues.

For our puppies we recommend the powder with these dosages from Nuvet

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1/2 serving for pets under 5 lbs
1 serving for pets over 5 lbs
2 servings for pets over 100 lbs

We recommend that you use Nuvet Joint Plus for joints and backs when your puppy reaches 4 years old and older.

FOOD

At Arizona Ground Hounds we do not pull our puppies away from their mama to wean them while providing mushy food to get them to eat. We allow for our mamas to self wean their pups.

We don't put our pups on soft food at all. Your pup will be eating dry Purina Puppy Chow kibble mixed with dry Purina Kitten kibble. When your puppy goes home please make sure to keep (her)him on this mixture to ensure a good feeling tummy. We mix random dry dog kibble of every kind in small bits into our dogs' and puppies' kibble to ensure that they don't get picky and stay interested in eating their kibble. Mix a large handful of this with whatever puppy food you choose for your puppy until you have used 3 lbs of the mix above to transition your puppy onto (her)his new food. We do recommend that you continue cat kibble and random dog kibble to your Dachshund's food even when you transition onto your own brand. The cat kibble provides additional moisture and protein into your dog's diet. If your dog becomes overweight, you can feed your dog cat kibble only because it does not contain the "junk" that dog food contains so it will help your dog lose those extra lbs.

We feed all of our dogs, rescues, and puppies fresh cooked meats, eggs, cheese, and fresh fruits and veggies.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A GOOD ARIZONA GROUND HOUND FAMILY FOR YOUR PUPPY!