

Douglas Dudes & Dudette's "The Best Friend You Have Been Missing"

Bringing a new puppy home is exciting—but it's also a big transition. This guide will help you make your puppy's first days safe, calm, and full of love.

THE FIRST 72 HOURS: ADJUSTING TO A NEW HOME

Keep it Calm: Your puppy is leaving the only home, mom, and littermates they've ever known. It's a lot to take in! - Limit visitors and loud environments. - Keep children calm and supervised during interactions. - Allow time for naps and quiet moments.

Create a Cozy Spot: Set up a designated puppy area: - Use the blanket provided (it smells like home). - Include their crate, food/water bowls, and a few soft toys. - Avoid switching foods immediately (mix gradually if changing brands).

FEEDING & HYDRATION - Stick with the food we've provided for the first week. - Feed on a consistent schedule (usually 3x a day at this age). - Fresh water should always be available. - Avoid treats for the first few days except for training rewards.

Pro Tip: Puppies have tiny stomachs—don't overfeed. Watch for signs of bloating or diarrhea and call your vet with concerns.

CRATE & POTTY TRAINING

Crate = Safe Space: - Use the crate for naps, bedtime, and when you can't supervise. - Offer treats or toys in the crate to make it positive. - Start with short sessions and increase duration gradually.

Potty Training Basics: - Take your puppy out every 1–2 hours and after eating, playing, or napping. - Always take them to the same spot and praise immediately. - Avoid scolding—redirect calmly and clean accidents with an enzyme cleaner.

VETERINARY CARE & INSURANCE To activate your 2-year health guarantee, you must: - Visit a licensed vet within 72 hours of pick-up - Activate your free 30-day Trupanion insurance

SOCIALIZATION & TRAINING - Start slow. Let your puppy observe new sights, sounds, and smells from a distance. - Introduce gentle handling: paws, ears, tail, and brushing. - Enroll in puppy training classes after vaccinations. - Begin name recognition, sit, and come using positive reinforcement.

GROOMING & MAINTENANCE - Brush daily (especially doodle coats) to prevent matting. - Bathe only as needed using gentle puppy shampoo. - Schedule your first grooming after 12–16 weeks or as coat grows.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU Raising a puppy takes patience and consistency—but it also brings lifelong love. We are here for any questions or concerns.

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Enjoy every little moment. You're not just bringing home a dog—you're welcoming a forever friend. – Douglas Dudes & Dudette's