

## Tips for Caring for Your Puppy

1. Make sure your puppy eats 4-5 times daily, with a fresh supply of water. If he doesn't want to eat, put a little canned dog food on top of the dry puppy food that has been sent with him. As your puppy gets older, you can feed him 2-3 times a day, but have water available at all times. If you choose not to feed him the type of food he's been used to, introduce the new food slowly, mixed in with the food we provided. If he develops diarrhea, mix some plain yogurt (about one tablespoon) with his food twice a day. Continue mixing in yogurt for several days, or until the diarrhea goes away. If the diarrhea persists for more than 2 days, please consult your vet.
2. It is best to use bottled or filtered water at first, and gradually mix it with your tap water to get your puppy used to the different water.
3. Your new puppy needs lots of rest. Do not carry your puppy excessively. If you have small children, please be aware that too much "love" can be harmful to a small puppy.
4. **Make sure the hair surrounding the rectal area is cut short so there is no blockage.** If the hair is too long, use scissors or clippers to trim the hair. If you see your puppy straining when he's trying to poop, check for dried feces and clean it off. This is extremely important! If your puppy cannot defecate, it is life threatening!
5. Your puppy is current on shots and de-worming; please show your veterinarian the shot record that is given to you with the sale of your puppy. Puppies should be de-wormed at least once a month for the first year. Please check with your veterinarian for worming recommendations and to keep your puppy current on vaccinations.