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Puppy Class Overview

All dogs need NERDS (nutrition, exercise, rewards, discipline, structure). Your puppy needs to be raised to focus on you for everything. You own everything and allow puppy to have it as he / she needs it. Always is the leader!

Puppies will grow and develop quickly. Please realize they are canines and need to follow a pack and structure setting as a canine!! They will try to rise in the social structure as it is natural, always be on top of the structure.

Puppies / dogs live in the now. Timing is important when training your new puppy. Do not reward or discipline after the fact. Prepare yourself for training always.

Exposure is your friend: 7 rules- expose puppy to 7 different people, 7 different dogs / animals, 7 different surfaces. 7 different environments (smells), weekly if possible.

Vetting: very important to have series of immune shots. Puppies own immune does not kick in till about 18 weeks old. Keep puppy wormed and flea free! Rabies should be done at 4 to 5 months old. Start heart worm preventative when old enough.

Nutrition: Study your dog food and company. Stay away from food with corn, high grains, fillers and chemicals. Suggestions- Natures Logic, Before Grain by Merrick, Canidae, or (Evo, California Natural, Innova by Nutura) Hydrate your dry food back with some broth or water.

Supplements: There are many available natural supplements for your puppy / dog available. Many in treat form. Research!

Treats: Use natural quality treats. Have hard and chewy treats for teething. Do not use grainy or filler treats.

Toys: Only give puppy 1 toy at a time. Make puppy leave it for you to grab and give back.

House training: Crate training is preferred. Start out with only enough space for puppy to lie down and short periods. Take puppy out consistently and reward.

Commands: Use one word commands; do not have conversations with your puppy. Always say command ONCE and then follow with NO or GOOD.

Corrections: ALWAYS be very stern with tone of voice! Never repeat commands use NO and Command. For mouthing problems (bark, growl, biting, etc...) Use sour juices in the mouth after

saying "NO" Be stern. For jumping type problems, use a noise correction, (horn, can of coins, clicker, etc...)

Rewards: ALWAYS use a very happy tone and reward K9 for doing well. Never repeat command use GOOD and the command. Use food, praise and / or play

Get puppy used to wearing a collar: Examples- Martingales / combo collars.

Start obedience classes around 4 months old.

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