

How to care for your new puppy



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Puppies are always on the hunt for trouble. Here's what new pet owners need to know to avoid a hairy situation.

Complete physical

- ♥ Schedule a complete physical at the time of adoption to check for internal and external parasites and overall wellbeing
- ♥ Sign up for pet insurance right away—this will maximize your coverage by avoiding pre-existing exclusions

Nutrition

- ♥ Talk to your vet about the best diet for your puppy
- ♥ No table scraps—they can lead to serious health problems, including obesity and pancreatitis

Identification

- ♥ Puppies tend to get lost in unfamiliar settings
- ♥ If your puppy gets out, an ID tag and a microchip may be the only chance of finding home

Vaccinations

- ♥ Puppies need vaccinations every 3-4 weeks until they're 16 weeks of age

House proofing

- ♥ Puppies love to chew and eat: when they get a hold of toxic plants, meds or forbidden food, that urge can be dangerous
- ♥ Buy chew-safe toys and invest in electrical cord protectors

Training

- ♥ A happy, healthy dog has good boundaries and healthy relationships with humans, dogs, and other animals
- ♥ Good training builds the foundation for a well-socialized pup

The top 9 health issues in dogs younger than 1*

Ear infection

Eye infection

Skin allergies

Urinary tract infection

Vomiting/upset stomach

Diarrhea/intestinal upset

Non-cancerous skin mass

Skin allergies

Bruise or contusion

*Source: Nationwide claims data
Chronic conditions may require life-long treatment

Puppyhood is the ideal time to sign up for pet insurance and get financial help with vaccinations, checkups and other veterinary needs.

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