

MICROCHIPPING

Microchipping is now compulsory; and is a very simple procedure. The microchip is about the size of a grain of rice and will be inserted between the shoulder blades at the base of your dog's neck. It contains a unique number providing a secure and reliable way of identifying it. We highly recommend you register your dog's microchip number on the NZ Animal Companion Register for \$17.00 – Our staff can load this for you.

TOYS and EXERCISE

Toys and an appropriate amount of exercise are very important for the physical and mental health of your puppy. Puppies love exercise, but remember you should not over-exercise your puppy as this can affect their growth and development.

TEETH

Puppies have their needle-sharp deciduous teeth from a very young age – then start losing them again at only 14 weeks as their permanent teeth start to appear. Between 14 weeks and about 6 months of age when the last of the permanent teeth erupt, puppies feel the need to chew every object they come across to ease the itching and discomfort in their gums. Our staff can assist you with a suitable chew toy/bone appropriate for your dog's size.

TOILETING

One of the first things you need to teach your puppy is where and when to go to the toilet. Puppies need to learn that they should only go to the toilet outside and encourage & praise their good behaviour.

OUR FRIENDLY STAFF ARE HAPPY
TO ANSWER ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS

PLEASE ASK INSTORE FOR YOUR
FREE
HILLS BEST START PUPPY KIT
Or EUKANUBA COMPLETE CARE GUIDE

Puppy Information



OUR CLINICS OFFERS
24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE

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Recommended Programs for Your Puppy

YOUR NEW PUPPY

- NUTRIENT
- WORM TREATMENT
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- FLEA TREATMENT
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NUTRIENT

Nutrient for growing puppies is extremely important. Feeding a food with the correct balance of nutrients and energy can help ensure an appropriate level of calorific intake to ensure correct skeletal growth and help maintain your puppy's good body condition. We recommend both HILLS and IAMS, which are premium foods and contain all the essential vitamins and minerals your puppy needs. The cost to feed your puppy can be as little as \$1.14 per day. It is not necessary to give supplements, calcium or milk if feeding a premium food.

Puppies should be fed 3-4 times per day until 4 months of age, then 2 meals per day until adulthood.

Do not change your puppy's diet suddenly as this can cause diarrhea. You must make the change gradually; mix a small amount of the new food in with the old food, and slowly increase the amount of new food each meal.

WORM TREATMENT

Puppies require a worm treatment every 2 weeks until 12 weeks of age, then routinely every 3 months. Young animals are born with worms passed from their mothers in utero therefore pregnant and lactating queens should be wormed regularly to lower the number of worms passed to their young. Worming can cost as little as \$1 depending on the weight of your puppy.

VACCINATION

Before we vaccinate, your puppy will be given a thorough Health Check. The vaccine protects your puppy against a number of diseases such as Canine Parvovirus, Distemper Hepatitis and Leptospirosis. The vaccines are usually given at 6, 9 and 12 weeks. Once your puppy has been vaccinated, she or he will only require an annual booster.

FLEA TREATMENT

The secret of successful flea control is to treat the animal (and if necessary the environment) with effective products regularly throughout the year. We highly recommend ADVANTAGE and FRONTLINE PLUS - Topical applications are an effective form of flea control for your pet. These products are safe and easy to apply to your pet. Importantly, all pets in your household should be treated.

NEUTERING

We recommend this procedure is performed at six months of age, **Speying** prevents your female from coming "on heat" or "in season" – so no unwanted kittens. **Castrating male puppies will greatly reduce their urge to wander.**

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