

How to prepare for your new Australian Labradoodle puppy...

(Comes with harness/leash, toy/blanket, microchip/health cert, warranty, spay/neuter contract, training book by Pat McConnell!! ☺)

Crate: Large, with a moveable divider (must make area small for training)

Food:

Dry: Science Diet Puppy (Dry) - cheapest place and free shipping www.chewy.com

Wet: Science Diet Puppy (canned) - stick to neutral normal flavors chicken, or turkey or beef

How to feed your puppy: Start with 1/2cup dry mixed with 2 tbsp canned, always feed 3x/day until adult, then go to 2x/day feeding. Increase amount fed as needed.... As puppy grows he/she will NEED more to eat.

From your vet: for ear maintenance

Ear cleaning solution: something gentle (aloe...) might be weekly or might be monthly – every dog is different

Ear powder for gently removing some ear hair by fingers (very small amount at a time, not big clumps)

Shampoo: something gentle (aloe/oatmeal base) – remember these guys don't smell, they don't need to be bathed often... just brushed! As they don't shed...

Flea/Tick and Heartworm prevention

NO: Comfortis/trifexis

YES: HeartGard+ (heartworm/intestinal worms) and NEXGARD for flea/tick

Or Bayer Advantage Multi (does heartworm and intestinal worms and flea/tick)

Grooming Dates: this varies from owner to owner -- depending on the season and how long you like your dog's coat to be. When going to a groomer, take a picture!!! with you of how you want your dog to look. In the summer, we usually get a "**PUPPY CUT**", it's about 1" same length everywhere and tidy face – see eyes and muzzle a little shorter. Never take the clippers to the face. A good groomer should be able to scissor.

Brushes, Scissors and Nail trimmers

See picture of my favorites....

FURMINATOR (double-sided slicker) is my favorite... brush your dog daily, follow up with a COMB right from the base of the hair. Trim nails weekly, if the nails haven't grown – pretend to trim – that way the dog gets used to it. Blunt scissors for the face, protect eyes with fingers before trimming. The picture also shows some matt rakes, ConAirPro brush, etc.



Toys and Treats... NO to pig ears (cause pancreatitis, etc)

BEWARE toys that can be chewed into small pieces and ingested... not good.

Yes to: Antlers – last a long time, etc. ☺

Strongly recommend:

Obedience class for the whole family... just wait until puppy has had all vaccinations.

NuVet supplements: 800 474 7044 (www.nuvet.com) my code is 71814

Several Vinton Valley K9's have gone on to become "**Certified Therapy Dogs**"