

Things to remember:

1. Do not expose your puppy to other dogs or places where other dogs are until he/she has been fully vaccinated. Other dogs carry many nasty things that your puppy can be susceptible to until he has been fully vaccinated. Vet offices and pet stores are not safe places to take your puppy! Don't let your puppy explore other dogs' pee and poop. Keep him on the sidewalk and away from areas where other dogs have relieved themselves. This goes for rest stops and pet store floors.
2. Feed only recommended foods. Always stick with high quality foods. Your puppy will not need to eat as much because the food he is provided will have the proper nutrition. Less eating = less poop. Always make sure the #1 ingredient of the puppy food is MEAT. Not Meat by-products or grain/vegetables. Good food recommendations: Wellness, Kirkland (Costco) Puppy Chicken & Rice, Royal Canin Sensible Choice. Some of these may be purchased at a local feed store.
3. Be on time with vaccinations! If you are late with vaccinations, the cycle of 3 will need to be re-started. Puppy vaccinations are very very important and protect against Distemper and Parvo, which are very contagious. It's ok to be a little early on a vaccine, but not late.
4. Make sure your puppy is always safe, warm and has plenty to eat and drink. Puppies eat at least 3 times per day. You can also leave food and water out all day and your puppy will self regulate eating times. Take food and water away before bedtime to avoid late night potty trips outside.
5. Let him rest. Puppies require lots of sleep. They will need to take naps in-between play times.
6. Never give your puppy chew toys or foods that can be easily broken off and difficult to digest. i.e. Greenies(brand) dental chews. Tough rawhide treats are recommended. Read labels! Don't buy things that have been radiated or made in China. You will need to be responsible for your puppies well being. Many companies only care about selling products and do not consider your puppies health.
7. Use harmless cleaners. Floor cleaning solutions like SWIFFER WIPES are dangerous for dogs. They contain Anti-freeze, which is deadly! Try Vinegar and water, or Murphy's oil soap instead on wood floors.
8. Use baby shampoo (Johnson & Johnson, or Equate from Walmart are good brands) for normal baths. Use dishwashing liquid to get rid of fleas. Commercial flea shapes and flea drops can be very dangerous for your puppy. If you must use them, I recommend REVOLUTION. Help prevent fleas by giving your dog "Brewers Yeast with Garlic" tablets. These are healthy and help to discourage fleas. Purchase Brewers Yeast w/ garlic here: www.revivalanimal.com
9. Always choose a high quality puppy food. Make sure that MEAT is the first ingredient. Meatby-products are not recommended. When the food is nutritious, the dog will not need to eat as much to satisfy his nutritional needs and will therefore poop less :)
10. Please do NOT keep your puppy in a crate during the day. Puppies need to play and run! They also crave your attention. Crate training for potty training purposes is cruel. Your puppy is already newspaper trained. He will make mistakes, but can quickly be taught to go potty where you want him to go but using positive reinforcement and by being consistent.
www.revivalanimal.com (medicines, health, vitamins)
www.petedge.com (grooming supplies, gates, chew & toys)