

Supplements to get before your puppy comes home and supplies as you go:

Food: Costco (Kirkland) yellow bag of puppy food. A couple cans Pedigree CHOPPED chicken (you may have to put 1 tbsp w/ hot water, smash up and mix w/ food if puppy not eating), we try to avoid this if possible. Start w/ 3/4 cup 3x daily and give more if readily eaten. Please do not think feeding a high dollar food is better, it is not and can cause joint problems. As puppy gets older, start adding water. My adults get about 3 cups of water with each feeding.

ProBios: Small amount of POWDER only, nothing else, meant for all animals including horses and lambs, etc. Order anywhere cheapest and best shipping. I usually order two because of the shipping. Plan on entire life. Great probiotics increase immune system!

Give one fourth tsp with each meal, when you get to two meals give 1/2. Total amount should be 1 tsp per day when dog is older.

Vitamins and Joints Supplements: (for joints, start at 4 months) While I do not consider this necessary to keep your warranty, I really should because it is curing one of my grand daughter's rescue dogs of cancer. It is an amazing product and at the very least her coat is BEAUTIFUL!!! HER LESIONS ARE LESS THAN 1/2 THE SIZE IN 70 DAYS, and a lot less angry looking. I will send you the links for these. If knew how to add to this I would, but I don't, sorry.

Ditomaceous Earth: (food grade) you can get at health food store or get at a feed store. I bought a small trash can and put 40 lbs for \$30 in the trash can and it will last a very long time. You can also dust the bed for fleas with it, and other areas, around the crate. Call around until you find the white product. IT IS NOT THE SWIMMING POOL STUFF. If you have a flea or ant problem you can sprinkle it on window sills and door sills to keep ants out as it is very safe and you will put it in their food. Start at 1 tsp per day and work up slowly to 2-3 TBSP per day.

Brushes: PetEdge: 1-800-738-3343 Soft small and large Slicker Brush, Medium Pin Brush without balls on the end because the pull hair and hurt, long narrow and wide pin comb Teflon coated that won't pull, single pin rake. NutriCal in case they don't eat. All of these products will be there, they will help you.

Bowls: HEAVY, non slip, GUARANTEED AWESOME stainless steel 2 quart bowl: DURAPET 2 quart, food and water available on Amazon.com. This will not have metal or anything harmful and keeps water much cooler than most bowls. When dog gets older, if you want to get a cheap crock pot and throw away the pot, the crock is awesome and thick and keeps the water cold, but make sure it is made in USA because of LEAD. Keeps water so cold and remember how they love to drink from toilet because it is cold, same thing.

Exercise Pen: Midwest Black E Coat Exercise Pen Size: 24" X 36". NO DOOR, around \$56.00 on Amazon.com, invaluable to travel and keep puppy in house in area you want puppy in. Look at site. This includes shipping. If you think this not an outstanding deal, they are tons of money at Petco and they have doors where they can break their legs!!!

Poop pan: Even if you do not buy the pellets that we put in the pan that they have learned to use for pooping, many people just use the pan and wipe it out. I personally find that a little messy, but am passing it on. There are two size pans, you find them in the concrete department to mix concrete at

Home Depot. Both sizes under \$10.00. I would start with the smaller. Much studier than the ones at pet stores and cheaper, of course. Sometimes Home Depot also carry the pellets. They are for Pellet Fire Places. About \$7 for 40 lbs, plain wood, no additives.

(please refer to our page on Helpful Advice) for more info on this. You can decide whether or not you want to do this, or just go straight to a crate and get up in the middle of the night for a few weeks.

Crate: Large, not extra large. Should be plastic, Airline approved. Approx 32" for pets up to 55 lbs. Goldens like their crates a little snug instead of huge. If you think it is getting too small when the pups gets bigger, you can look on Craigs List for a bigger one, you will have plenty of time and will be able to save quite a bit of money.

Shampoo: Eqyss: MicroTex equine Shampoo Maximum I have used this for years and it is very soothing, I also use the creme rinse of the same brand. You get the mats out before the dog dries and then 1 gal water w/ 1/4cup vinegar in order to get all the residue out. After that, do the same thing and LEAVE on the dog. Vinegar is the safest thing you can use. It has an antifungal/antibacterial effect and dries w/ no odor. Even takes most of the doggie odor out.

Ears: Keep ears clean and dry. If they start to build up any wax or start to smell at all, they are at risk for bacterial and fungal infection. Always have on hand Keto Flush PS which takes the wax out, has an antifungal/antibacterial property and keeps you out of the vet w/ ear infections. I have found this probably more effective than an antibiotic for clearing up the ears. Very necessary anyway to use before putting in antibiotic ointment so it can get to the source. Good preventative to keep ears clean and dry. Perhaps as a preventative 2 x a month?

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