



Braden Run Animal Hospital

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DOG's NAME

BREED: COLOR

DOB: mm/dd/yyyy

Puppy Tips

Puppy play-biting

When DOG NAME mouths you, immediately stand up and stop giving HIM/HER any attention. Say “leave it” or use a verbal sound to get HIS/HER attention. Then you should offer a toy that your dog can carry and praise HIM/HER for chewing on it. Alternatively, you can ask your dog to “sit” and “touch”, reward for the appropriate response, and then provide a toy to play with. If HIS/HER biting is excessive, you can put your dog in the crate with a food toy, but this will not help DOG NAME learn not to bite you. It will simply keep HIM/HER occupied. If your dog is play-biting you excessively, HE/SHE most likely needs exercise and stimulation. Remember that this is normal puppy behavior which is much worse in puppies that are under-stimulated or do not get enough exercise. The best way to handle this problem is to prevent it by keeping your puppy busy. Be sure never to reward this behavior and be prepared to react instantly, in the manner described above.

Puppy training

We recommend clicker training for DOG NAME, as well as recommend that you purchase the Ultimate Puppy Tool kit for training. This can be purchased online at www.premier.com. You may want to Google search this product to see if you can purchase it anywhere else. Please visit www.clickertraining.com for appropriate training books. The premise of clicker training is to reward GOOD behavior, remember that you have mere seconds for the dog to associate the reward and praise with the behavior. Negative reinforcement (i.e. yelling at pup for making a mess) is often counterproductive. Talk to us about how to work with positive reinforcement.

Do not use a choke collar on your puppy. Chokers are ineffective for most dogs and inappropriate for puppies.

Start with leash training as soon as possible. Use food as a reward for walking quietly beside you and not pulling on the lead.

Play and exercise for your puppy

DOG NAME needs a lot of play and exercise. HE/SHE should get enough exercise to wear HIM/HER out. Jogging is not an appropriate exercise for puppies and young dogs, as their bones are still developing.

Play tug with your puppy, and then offer a treat while you say, “drop it.” Do this regularly when playing. When HE/SHE will drop it on cue, you can start to fade the hand lure and not offer a treat as directly. You will still need to reward this behavior. Please begin “come,” “sit,” and “stay” as HIS/HER attention span increases.

Vaccination

We discussed vaccination protocols. Please visit our website (www.bradenrunanimalhospital.com) for current vaccination protocols. In general, puppies are vaccinated every three to four weeks until 16 weeks of age.

Socialization

Schedule play dates for DOG NAME with other dogs who are not aggressive. Dogs on electric fences should have their collars removed so that they will not get shocked while playing, which could cause them to bite your puppy.

Consider doggie daycare once weekly for doggie socialization. Anyone that cares for DOG NAME should be aware of HIS/HER issues. Stay with HIM/HER the first visit to be sure to manage HIS/HER behavior.

DOG NAME can play with some, older children with supervision. It is not appropriate for a puppy to play with a young child because the puppy is not trained yet, and the child is unpredictable and likely inappropriate in their interactions with the dog. Even a puppy bite could hurt a child. Instead, keep your puppy on a leash and keep HIM/HER working or playing with you so that HE/SHE gets used to the presence of children, but does not form negative associations.

Housetraining

The success to housetraining is consistency and keeping to a schedule. Take DOG NAME outside on a leash everyday on a schedule (generally, when HE/SHE wakes, before HE/SHE goes to bed, 20-30min after each meal, and anytime HE/SHE is showing signs that HE/SHE may have to go to the bathroom). Lead DOG NAME to the same spot each time. After HE/SHE urinates and defecates HE/SHE may explore the yard, play or go for a long walk. Reward HIM/HER with food after HE/SHE does HIS/HER “business.” Make sure that you are rewarding HIM/HER when HE/SHE is completely done so that HE/SHE does not stop urinating to get the treat. HE/SHE should be within your sight whenever HE/SHE is not outside so that you can monitor HIS/HER body language and take HIM/HER out when needed.

If DOG NAME does make a mess in the house, please clean the area with Anti-Icky Poo, which is a special enzymatic cleaner formulated for organic material. You can purchase “AIP” from us.

Spay/Neuter

DOG NAME will be able to be SPAY/NEUTER when HE/SHE is 4-6 months old. HE/SHE is at the right age when the baby canine teeth fall out and the adult teeth are half-way erupted. We have a special surgery suite equipped with the highest quality anesthetic and monitoring equipment. Like a human hospital, our surgery suite has forced laminar airflow to help maintain the sterility of the room. All patients are monitored by EKG and pulse oximetry and dedicated surgical & anesthetic technicians. We send every patient home with pain medication and an E-collar. We offer the option for pre-anesthetic blood screening. It is important to have blood drawn prior to surgery to identify any hidden or sub-clinical disease.

Thanks for choosing Braden Run Animal Hospital as your premier veterinary center. We are the only AAHA (www.healthypet.com, www.aahanet.org) accredited hospital in Greene county. We also offer 24 hour emergency service.

Hope to see you soon!

Drs Anita McMillen & Mikk Regester & the friendly helpful staff at Braden Run Animal Hospital