

Rutlands Australian Cobberdogs
Quick Go-To Puppy Notes

Congratulations! You are welcoming a very special puppy into your family.

AVOID TUMMY UPSETS

- **FOOD AVOID SUDDEN CHANGES IN DIET.** To avoid an upset tummy and/or diarrhea, give boiled or steamed chicken for the first twenty-four hours *only*. This bland diet is temporary and would be nutrient - deficient if it was all that was fed long term. Remove bones BEFORE cooking)
- **WATER FRESH ALWAYS AVAILABLE.** Begin with bottled water and gradually mix with your tap water over the first few days. Puppies get sick from unfamiliar water just the same way as we do.
- **1ST VET VISIT** Take puppy for a vet visit within the first 72 hours for a health examination unless there appears to be a problem, when you should go immediately. Like all babies, simple symptoms can increase rapidly to serious illnesses if not attended to promptly. Talk with your vet about ongoing worming and vaccination procedures which are recommended for your particular area.
- **LIMIT VISITS AND VISITORS FOR THE FIRST FEW DAYS.** Your puppy has just left behind all that is familiar in its world and has had a big journey into the unknown. Limit the numbers of new people puppy meets over the first few days. Friends can catch up later when your puppy has had a chance to settle into its new home and has met family members. **WAGGING TAIL DOES NOT MEAN THERE IS NO INTERNAL STRESS CHALLENGING YOUR NEW PUPPY'S IMMUNE SYSTEM.**
- **WORMING** Don't be alarmed if there are immature worms in a stool sample at the vet soon after arrival! Your puppy has been wormed with Drontal All Wormer each two weeks from 2 weeks old. If the 'next' worming is due right before puppy is to travel it is skipped so as not to add additional stress to its immune system. The puppy worm cycle is 21 days, and safe treatments only kill hatched worms, and not larvae.
- **WARRANTY GENERAL** If you are not happy with your puppy for any reason within three days of arrival you may send him or her back to us for a refund of half the purchase price you have paid. All paperwork and medical information that came with the puppy must be returned with the puppy, and you are responsible for the cost of the return transport.
WARRANTY MEDICAL If you return your puppy within three days of arrival for medical reasons you MUST provide us first with your vet's contact details, authorise your vet to discuss your puppy's condition with us, and provide us with your vet's medical report to state that any incubation period commenced while the puppy was in our care. Compensation will not exceed the full purchase price of the puppy.

- **DIET** We recommend a fresh, varied whole foods diet, backed up by a genuinely high quality grain free kibble for travel or emergencies. If you live in Australia, your puppy will arrive with sample packs of the kibble and natural treats your puppy likes and is accustomed to. Read the DIET page on our website for full dietary instructions.
- **GROOMING** Your puppy has been taught to stand on the grooming table to be brushed, and to have its ears cleaned. It's up to you to continue this routine to instil good habits.
You'll notice that your puppy's coat has been clipped short between the eyes. It is important to keep this area short throughout life, to prevent the growing tips of the hair from pricking your dog's eyes. Paws should be kept trimmed short underneath the long coat overhang of the legs.
- **TRAINING** Yes, this starts on Day One! **Training** doesn't mean only puppy school or Obedience Cubs. **Training is also basically how you manage your puppy at home on a day-to-day basis.**
Again, check the Rutlands website from the TRAINING link in the MENU for lots of helpful tips including potty training and your first night for a good sleep and a contented well behaved puppy.

Your new Rutlands baby has been carefully planned for long before birth, has been raised with exemplary high standards, and now the rest is up to you. These notes are a quick go-to for some early essentials. The Rutlands website is choc-a-block full of advice and specific links are on its MENU page.

Finally, please remember that we LOVE to hear from you, and we hope to see you sharing your beautiful puppy on our Facebook Page

We care about your puppy for life. Do feel welcome to reach out at any time you have a problem or are looking for advice or just to share!

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