

YOUR RUTLAND MANOR AUSTRALIAN LABRADOODLE PUPPY

IMPORTANT NOTES TO READ!

YOUR ALLERGIES

If your allergies flare with your new puppy's arrival, don't panic! Your puppy has come into contact with many allergens along the way during the trip and has spent time where many thousands of ordinary dogs have been before.

First -

Give puppy a bath in warm water, using a hypo allergenic mild shampoo especially designed for puppies. Do not use a human grade shampoo. Puppy skins are sensitive and are a different Ph level. You can dry your puppy by squeezing with a towel, and then using a household hair dryer, brushing as you blow dry.

Second -

Wash out the travel crate and rinse it thoroughly. Allergens will almost certainly have floated into it during transit. Discard any bedding or shredded paper in the crate

WATER

Give puppy bottled water at first, GRADUALLY adding tap water over a few days. Just like us, they can take time to adjust to a different water supply. This will avoid tummy upsets and diarrhea from the change in water. Offer plain unsweetened non flavored yogurt on arrival home and then every day thereafter.

DIARRHEA

To avoid Diarrhea meals over the first twenty four to forty eight hours should be bland. Give puppy meals comprising 90% cooked chicken (NO *cooked* bones whatsoever.....ever) to 10% cooked rice mixed through.

The second day you can start to *gradually* introduce the foods you intend to feed to your puppy

PLAIN NON SWEETENED YOGURT

Offer plain, non flavored, non sweetened yogurt after or during any chemical or drug treatments including antibiotics. Just a tablespoonful is plenty at this young age although if he/she wants more let him/her have as much as wanted.

FIRST VET VISIT

REMEMBER TO DOWNLOAD AND PRINT THE 'LETTER TO YOUR VET' AND TAKE IT WITH YOU TO YOUR FIRST VET VISIT

You should plan your first vet visit within forty eight hours after puppy's arrival. This is to reassure you that your puppy is healthy and to map out a plan with your vet, for worming, and further vaccinations.

VACCINATIONS

DO NOT ALLOW YOUR VET TO VACCINATE YOUR PUPPY FOR WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN IN AUSTRALIA unless it is a booster when puppy reaches twelve weeks of age.

Your puppy has been vaccinated against the following –

- Distemper
- Hepatitis
- Parvo Virus

There is no rabies in Australia, so once puppy has settled into your home and is twelve weeks of age, the rabies shot can be given.

DO NOT ALLOW YOUR VET TO GIVE A COCKTAIL OF DIFFERENT VACCINATIONS ALL AT THE ONE TIME. This is STRESS to the Immune System (Vaccinosis) and can cause a variety of life threatening diseases later on in the life of your dog.

DO NOT VACCINATE AND GIVE WORM TREATMENT AND FLEA TREATMENT ALL ON THE SAME DAY Such a barrage of chemicals into your puppy's system is a stressor to the immune system. Space out any chemical treatments over a few days to give your puppy's body time to re-balance itself. And remember the yogurt or pro biotic after such treatments.

THE FIRST NIGHT

Your puppy has left behind all that is familiar and will be feeling strange in its new environment. We suggest that you place puppy on a soft comfortable blanket in a wire crate, beside your bed for the first few nights. If puppy whimpers or cries all you have to do is place your fingers through the bars of the crate to reassure your new puppy, who will then immediately lie down again to sleep. This will avoid sleepless nights for the family and you'll probably find that puppy will not need to go potty through the night, and will sleep soundly until next morning.

If puppy does not settle it may be because he/she needs to go potty. This should settle down after the first few nights.

Once your puppy has settled into the routine in your home, you should have no trouble in relocating puppy and crate to the part of the house where you want your puppy to sleep on a permanent basis.

EAR CARE

The Australian Labradoodle, like all dog breeds who have long heavily coated ears, may be subject to ear infections. One of the first early signs is an odour that you detect when you are near to your dog's head.

Once each week, thoroughly clean deep inside the ears with a swab soaked in a mixture made up of 40 % white vinegar (or surgical alcohol) and 60% water if no ear infection is present. (you will know if it is, because the skin inside the ear will be reddened and sore looking). If infection or inflammation are present, then substitute the vinegar with your vet's prescribed medication until the redness subsides.

WORMING

All puppies have worms. Your Rutland Manor puppy has been regularly wormed each two weeks since birth. If the regular worming was due again immediately prior to shipping, we will have skipped this one, in order to minimize stress to your puppy's immune system. The lifecycle of the worm is 21 days, and medicines do not kill the eggs, only the hatched worms, so do not be alarmed if a stool sample shows your new puppy has worms. Speak with your vet about the worming schedule which is appropriate for your region, including Heart Worm treatment.

FLEAS

The Australian Labradoodle seems to have a coat that fleas do not like. However we recommend 'Revolution' which is a liquid you apply between the shoulder blades, once a month. 'Revolution' is not only a flea preventative, but also guards against ear mites and various skin mites, so it is for this reason that we recommend its use.

TEETH AND GUMS

Your Rutland Manor puppy should never need to be put under anesthetic for teeth cleaning to remove tartar. Our vets are constantly amazed by the snow white sparkling teeth on our dogs through to old age. And our vets tell us that the numbers of dogs coming into the clinic for teeth cleaning under anesthetic is radically increasing. So what is our secret?

PLENTY OF RAW FRESH MEATY BONES as part of the diet.

TRAINING

Early training is essential for the Australian Labradoodle. You will soon discover that your new puppy is very clever, extremely intuitive, and quick to learn – but this applies to both the things you want puppy to learn, as well as the things you don't! Neglecting early training can see your adorable gorgeous little baby develop into a badly behaved brat child.

Recommended Reading: "The Art of Raising a Puppy" by the Monks of New Skete.

We hope that you have found these tips helpful. And please remember that we truly care about your puppy/dog for life and that we are as near to you as the telephone or email if you have any problems or would like further advice or help.

Warmest wishes, for many years of fun and canine companionship with your Rutland Manor Australian Labradoodle.

Beverley and the Rutland Manor Team

