

Fehr Meadow Farm

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A Few Tips

- ❖ Don't use housebreaking pads in the crate. You are trying to teach him not to eliminate there.
- ❖ Don't let your pup roam through your house unsupervised. Keep your eye on him so that when he sniffs and circles (an indication he is about to 'go') you can guide him to the door.
- ❖ **Never let your pup on your carpet for one minute until he is completely trained.** You may think you are cleaning up the urine but your pup will be able to smell urine that has seeped down into the pad underneath. This will encourage him to go there again.
- ❖ Throw a few towels in the crate while he is young. These can easily be washed after accidents.
- ❖ Chewing is very annoying. This will end when the permanent teeth have come in. Have a small chew toy handy to place in his mouth when he starts to chew on your hand. Think of this as you would think of an infant child that is teething. Both of them will outgrow it!
- ❖ Keep in mind that when you reprimand an animal for soiling in the house, the animal thinks that it was wrong to urinate, not that he urinated in the wrong spot. This is often confusing for a pup. He will start to hide it from you, urinating behind the couch when you aren't looking, covering it up with his towel, sometimes even refusing to urinate outside in front of you. If you catch him in the act, just pick him up and deposit him in the place outside where he should go. Use the same word every time you take him outside so he associates the act with the word.
- ❖ The noisiest time of this life may be when you take him home. He may cry endlessly for hours on end. He is missing his littermates. The crying will be quite annoying but it will end when he becomes accustomed to his new surroundings.
- ❖ **Last but not least... have plenty of patience.** Puppies can be obnoxious the first few months...chewing, accidents, yipping...but with loving patience, you will eventually have a well trained, obedient member of the family.