

## **KEEPING YOUR PUPPY SAFE FROM DISEASES, PARASITES & INJURY**

This information provided herein is based off of my own experience and the advice of my Veterinarians. It is not a substitute for veterinary advice nor is it intended to be. It is strictly for information purposes only. To keep your puppy safe from communicable diseases and parasites, puppies should be kept off the ground outside and kept inside your home (this is no absolute guarantee, but will reduce the risk to the puppy immensely). Your puppy can contract a number of illnesses (some of which are fatal) from being on the ground, some of which are distemper and parvo just to list a few. If your puppy is outside on the ground, it may also pick up a number of parasites (some of which can be fatal---especially to tiny puppies) such as coccidia and giardia, as well as, a number of different types of worms. Some of these things can be brought in on your clothing, as well as, your shoes, so just beware...cleanliness is the only way to keep your puppy healthy. Please make sure all food items that need refrigerated be refrigerated right away so they do not draw bacteria. Also, we recommend using baby food meat instead of using canned dog food. We have had tremendous luck in doing this...

Tiny puppies need to be protected from everything outside and need to be handled with clean hands and clean clothing at all times to prevent them from becoming ill. Please make sure you ask your breeder how they raise their puppies. Veterinarians will advise you to keep unvaccinated puppies off the ground at all times to prevent all types of infections and illnesses.

Another method of transmission can occur by someone else touching your puppy before they wash their hands. Make sure everyone who touches your unvaccinated puppy has on clean clothing and washes their hands BEFORE they touch your puppy. Some diseases can be carried in on clothing and is airborne (namely kennel cough). Your puppy does not even have to come in direct contact with kennel cough to become infected with it.

Because of these reasons listed above is why we “choose” to be a closed home. Most people looking for a puppy will visit several places before coming to ours; as you can see, they bring everything with them from the previous places to our home to possibly infect our dogs/puppies. We cannot ensure you a happy healthy puppy if we do not take every precaution to protect your baby from the outside world. We take every precaution known to man to ensure you receive a healthy puppy, as well as, well-socialized puppy. We keep our home immaculate for these babies at all times. We do not allow visitors because they may bring something in to our babies that may make them sick or kill them. I cannot and will not take that risk just to sell a puppy---We are not that selfish. My Veterinarians and their staff are allowed to come here (clean clothes, scrubbed up properly, and no shoes) to view or take care of my dogs. They will be more than happy to tell you how we keep our home for these babies and how these babies are raised. As you can see, having people in to view puppies could be detrimental to every dog/puppy here. If you have any questions about this information, please do not hesitate to ask questions about the information provided.

**PLEASE KEEP your tiny puppy away from other dogs without being under supervision .** *Slowly introduce your puppy to any other pets you may have under close supervision. DO NOT ever leave your puppy unattended with another strange animal without supervision as injury can occur at this time as a result of jealousy. DO NOT allow small children handle your puppy without supervision (we recommend children sit on the floor to hold the puppy under supervision). DO NOT leave your puppy unattended at any time with small children.* Keep your puppy away from swimming pools without supervision. Please do not allow your puppy to be outside at all without supervision UNLESS you have a very good fenced in backyard (although hawks can swoop down and get your puppy so be careful---also, beware of snakes). Monitor your puppy while it eats to ensure it doesn't choke or aspirate water or food into its lungs. If this happens, please rush your puppy to your local Veterinarian to be checked. Please make sure your puppy cannot get into any chemicals, including lawn chemicals, toxins of any kind which could result in accidental ingestion and poisoning (anti-freeze will kill your dog in a short time). Plants & Ivy's can also make your puppy very ill or even kill him/her...so, please make sure all plants are out of puppy's reach. Please keep all medications out of reach of puppy. DO NOT leave your puppy in a vehicle unattended as the heat inside a vehicle gets very hot very quickly and your puppy may die accidentally.

These are just a few things to watch out for, but I think by now, you have a pretty good idea of what things to watch out for with your new baby. Please feel free to call at anytime, day or night, to ask questions about your baby.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this important information.