

PUPPY GUIDE FOR YORKSHIRE TERRIERS

MAINLY FOR FIRST TIME DOG OWNERS

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- 1. Shots** - The puppies received their shots at 7 weeks. You received a card from the veterinarian telling you that your puppy's next shots are due at 11 weeks, then 15 weeks. The puppies have been vet checked. Any problems the vet found were recorded on the puppy's health card.
- 2. Parvo** - **IMPORTANT: PARVO VIRUS IS EVERYWHERE.** Parvo can be carried on other dogs' paws and your little puppy can get Parvo even though it has had the first shots. It is **VERY** important to keep your new puppy away from other dogs and where other dogs have been until all the puppy shots are completed. Parvo can be devastating to a little pup. Keep other dogs out of your yard.
- 3. Microchip** - **DO NOT RUB AROUND THE MICROCHIP AREA FOR AT LEAST THREE DAYS FOLLOWING THE IMPLANT.** For the first 3 days keep the puppy calm and do not let it run around too much. The microchip needs to settle so avoid rubbing the area and patting the puppy on the site.
- 4. Deworming** - The puppies were dewormed at 4 weeks and again at 7 weeks. Consult the veterinarian before you administer any more medication.
- 5. Vet Info** - The deworming, shots, new home, etc., may upset your puppy resulting in diarrhea. This should not last, if it does see the vet. We use Dr. Rob Allison.

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- 6. Records** - Start a puppy information file with Health Record card, licence information, microchip information/security code, etc.
- 7. Food** - Your puppy has been eating Natura's "California Natural Lamb Meal & Rice Puppy" food which we buy at The Barking Lot. I have been soaking it first in bottled water and feeding 4 times a day. (7a.m., 1p.m., 7p.m. and a light snack at 11p.m.) Most are eating the puppy food unsoaked but prefer to have it softened.



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- If you switch to another brand, slowly introduce the new food mixed with California Natural. If you do not, diarrhea may occur. It is wise to pay a little more and use quality dog food for both nutrition's sake and your sake. NOTE: cheap dog food will result in more pick-up and an unhealthy pup – The Barking Lot, Petland, Petsmart and other large specialty shops carry good quality dog food. Bottled water will lessen tummy upsets too.
- 8. Toilet Training** - Your puppy has been used to going to the bathroom on puppy pads (the cheapest are “Hartz Puppy training Pads” at Wal-Mart). Keep your puppy confined to one area of the house until completely trained. I have found the best thing to train your puppy to relieve itself outside is to take he or she out immediately following a nap; take the puppy inside right after it goes the bathroom; reward with praise; wait 10 minutes and then take it back outside to play. The idea is that the puppy associates waking up with going outside to go the bathroom. If you just go out and play and it incidentally goes the bathroom, no connection is made with the two activities. Place puppy pads beside the puppy's bed at night in case it has to go in the night. These dogs are extremely easy to train if you are consistent in the beginning. If you take your dog to the same place each trip outside, you can train it to go in the same spot.
 - 9. Obedience Training** - There are a lot of good puppy kindergarten classes available. If you are a first time dog owner, it is advisable to enrol. It can save your dog's life. One word commands are the key to fast training: sit, stay, down, off, and the all-important one COME.
 - 10. Chewing** - Expect lots of chewing so give the puppy lots to chew. Puppies chew when they are bored or lonely, so do not leave your puppy alone too long. Get lots of toys so your shoes do not become the toy of the day.
 - 11. Sleeping** - Expect a few sleepless nights while the puppy adjusts. A good playtime before bedtime, followed by food often helps them sleep through the night. Try the old clock with a blanket and favourite toy.
 - 12. Licencing** - Some cities and towns require you licence your dog by the time it is 6 months old. Check with your local licencing agency. Neutered animals cost less to licence in some cases.
 - 13. Spaying/Neutering** – Usually females are spayed and males neutered at 6 months of age.
 - 14. Puppy Web Site:** <http://www.thecowboytrail.net/puppies/>

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN WITH YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND!