# Your First Week Home

The short version. Tap a link (or scan the code) for the full story on our website.

## 1 The first few days

- **Keep it calm.** Short visits, no big parties yet. Your puppy just left Mom and the littermates.
- **Lots of sleep is normal.** Puppies nap 18 to 20 hours a day.
- **Crying at night is normal too.** It usually fades in a few nights. The blanket or toy from the litter helps.
- **See your vet right away** for a puppy health check. Bring your health records and the Your Puppy page.

## Feeding

- **Twice a day, morning and evening.** When you control what goes in, it's easier to control what comes out, and potty training goes faster.
- Some of our smaller puppies do better free feeding, and that's okay too.
- **Ask us about your puppy.** Every pup is a little different.
- Use the bag's guide as a starting point and **keep your pup lean**. Extra weight is hard on growing joints.
- Fresh water during the day.
- Switching foods? Mix it in slowly over 7 to 10 days.

## Potty training

- Take your puppy out **first thing in the morning, after every meal, nap, and play session, and right before bed**.
- Same spot every time, then praise like crazy.
- Rule of thumb: a puppy can hold it about **one hour per month of age, plus one**.
- Expect a trip or two at night for the first couple of weeks.

Potty training basics
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## Crate & bedtime

- **Every puppy is different**, a lot like babies. Go by feel and see what works for yours.
- Many settle best with the crate **next to your bed** the first few nights so they can hear you. Others like it covered with a blanket, or do better in another room.
- Make it cozy and only use it for good things: naps, treats, bedtime.
- If they cry at night, a quick, boring potty trip, then straight back in. No play.
- Keep daytime crate stretches short while they're little.

Crate training, part 1
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## Biting, chewing & play

- **Nipping is normal.** Trade your hand for a chew toy every time.
- Tired puppies bite more. Sometimes the fix is a nap.
- Pick up shoes, cords, and kids' toys. The baby's got a butcher knife!
- Keep exercise short and fun. No long runs or jumping off furniture yet.

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**Questions? We're here for the life of your dog.** Text is fastest. **(940) 351-0047** | info@lckennels.com

# Keep Your Puppy Safe

Put this one on the fridge.

## Call your vet right away if your puppy...

- Skips more than one meal or won't drink
- Vomits more than once
- Has diarrhea, **especially if it's bloody**
- Is weak, lethargic, or won't play
- Has pale gums or a hard, swollen belly
- Has trouble breathing
- Ate something from the list below
- Then text us too. We want to know.

**Poison emergency:** ASPCA Animal Poison Control, (888) 426-4435 (a fee may apply). Save it in your phone now.

## Parvo: stay off the ground

Parvo is the #1 threat to young puppies, and it lives in the dirt for months. Your puppy isn't fully protected until **your vet finishes the parvo series**. Until then, skip:

- Dog parks, pet stores, and hiking trails
- Rest stops and gas station grass
- The vet's lobby floor (carry them in)
- Dogs whose shots you're not sure about

Your own yard and vaccinated dogs you know are fine.

Bringing your puppy home
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## Toxic to dogs

- **Grapes and raisins**
- **Chocolate** and coffee
- **Xylitol** (sugar-free gum, some peanut butters)
- Onions, garlic, and macadamia nuts
- Cooked bones and corn cobs
- Ibuprofen, Tylenol, and other people meds
- Rat and snail bait, antifreeze
- Many houseplants and yard plants. If you're not sure, ask your vet.

## Shots & deworming: your vet takes it from here

| Before go-home | Right away | Your vet's schedule | Ongoing |
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| Usually 2 rounds done: a parvo shot, then a 5-way (with the 2nd parvo). | Puppy health check with your vet. Bring your health records. | Next parvo round, rabies, and Bordetella (kennel cough). | Deworming and heartworm prevention, per your vet. |

- **Living on acreage or a ranch?** If your dog could drink puddle or pond water, ask your vet about the leptospirosis (lepto) vaccine. We don't give it, but it's worth a conversation.

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