

**FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES FOR AT LEAST THE FIRST TWO WEEKS WITH YOUR NEW DOG. PLEASE REMEMBER MOST PUPPIES AND EVEN SOME ADULT DOGS WILL TAKE LONGER TO ADJUST. BE PATIENT**

**DO** immediately show your puppy to his/her appropriate toilet area

**DO** take your dog to the designated toilet area once an hour, every hour, on leash (except overnight). Allow supervised free time only after he relieves himself in the appropriate area. If your dog does not go to the bathroom on one of these trips confine him to his crate OR keep him on a leash and supervised, until the next scheduled break.

**DO** confine your pup to a crate or pen area whenever you are physically (or mentally) absent. Such as when your are at work, distracted on the phone, making dinner, sleeping, etc.

**DO** provide plenty of appropriate chew toys to keep your pup busy and prevent chewing "casualties" in your home or yard. Redirect any chewing "mistakes" by directing your pup to an acceptable alternative. This will also help establish an appropriate chewing habit for the lifetime of your dog. Do not give "old shoes", socks or other non doggie items. They don't know new from old. Don't give dozens of toys, limit to 6 or so favorites and rotate them so they don't lose interest.

**DO** introduce your puppy to new people and other pets (outside the home) gradually so as not to overwhelm him. Use kibble or treats to help form a positive association to new people. Be sure to crate him in case he gets overwhelmed and needs a break. Over stimulation cause puppies to lose attention span, get bitey or mouthy and seemingly "deaf" to your commands.

**DO** enroll in a basic obedience class as soon as you can! Even though you may have been before, remember, its not for YOU its for the PUPPY. It teaches proper behavior under situations of "temptation". You'll learn how your to better communicate with your dog in a way he will understand.

**DO** remember that all treats count toward caloric intake, too many and they wont eat their meals. Dogs, especially Golden Retrievers & Vizsla thrive on praise and affection. Reward good behavior with this readily available "treat".

**DON'T** ever strike your puppy as a method of discipline, this will make him fearful of you. Verbal corrections in a proper tone of voice, along with appropriate facial expressions of displeasure are enough to get your message through.

**DON'T** allow your dog free run of the entire house right away, or else your new friend will learn all sorts of bad habits. Take time to teach good habits.

**DON'T** allow your dog to sleep on the furniture or bed. It will elevate his status in the home. You should always walk through doors first and your dog follows.