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Your New Puppy

There are lots of fun days in your future with your new puppy! Please allow your puppy time to adjust to their new home for the first couple weeks. Your puppy may be scared and hide at first, but please remember this is all new stuff for the little one! New surroundings and not being around their mother and/or littermates is a pretty big adjustment for puppy.

Please practice patience, love, and understanding.

We are sure that several questions will arise from owning a new puppy. One of the most important ones is, "What vaccines does my puppy need?" This is very important because your puppy needs to be protected against illnesses and viruses such as parvo that can be deadly!

Canine Parvovirus is an acute, highly contagious disease of DOGS that was first discovered in the early 1970s. The virus has a tendency to attack rapidly reproducing cells, such as those lining the gastrointestinal tract. The virus is shed in large amounts in the stool of an infected dog for up to several weeks following an infection. The disease is transmitted by oral contact with infected feces. Parvo can be carried on the dog's hair and feet, as well as contaminated crates, shoes, and other objects.

Parvo affects dogs of all ages but most cases occur in puppies 6 to 20 weeks old. Your puppy will need a series of at least 3 vaccinations to be fully protected. These vaccinations are usually given 2-3 weeks apart. **IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT to understand that your puppy is NOT fully protected against Parvo until they have had ALL THREE VACCINATIONS!** For this reason, you should NOT take your puppy to public places where other dogs frequent. This includes and is not limited to, PetsMart, public parks, shelter environments, boarding facilities, or any other public place that may be harboring the virus. If you choose to take your puppy to public places, DO NOT allow the puppy to be set down on the ground at all- instead just hold the puppy in your arms.

If you have any questions about your new puppy, please feel free to contact us!