



♥ Congrats on your Upcoming ASD FurBaby Arrival! ♥ *Supply List and Info*

Their food has been **"Blue Buffalo Wilderness Red Meat Puppy with New Wholesome Grains"** for great nutritional value through your puppy's first year of life. You can get it at select pet stores or even have it delivered monthly online. This is new version of the same food our puppies have been eating for years. So if you have left-over food from a previous puppy of ours, please note that this formula is slightly differently and you will have to use this this one, the former has been discontinued. They are eating three times a day, breakfast lunch and dinner, and the amount to feed them is written on the back of the bag per DAY, just divide by three for the three meals. Any food that you can buy in a Grocery Store is not typically a great quality food. If you do change your puppy's food, you should just do it very slowly, by mixing in a bit of the food you want to switch him to gradually with the food they have been eating here to avoid stomach upset. Puppies/doggies typically have very sensitive stomachs and can get very ill if you change their food without notice. Then just after you get them all settled with you, they will go out in your backyard and eat a rock or grass or something else instead! Believe it or not, puppies only need ½ to 1 OUNCE of water per day per pound of body weight. So giving them a full bowl of water or access to one can simply give them a swimming pool, loose stool, or make them impossible to potty train. They will have been eating dry kibble when they come to you, however puppies tend to not eat as well for the first few days in a new home, so do not be concerned if they do not eat much at first. Just like children, puppies will never starve themselves, I promise!

I will give you a small bag of the food they have been eating, some toys or chews, as well as a puppy blanket that has littermates and/or mom's smell on it. In the "Doggie Packet Folder" I give you, your baby will have all Health and Vaccine records consolidated onto one master page, with vet records following that as well, the microchip number and brochure explaining how to transfer into your name, and some miscellaneous general puppy/dog information sheets, (some attached above). As said, you can also download more information regarding, training, grooming, crating, etc., on our [Resource Links Page on our website.](#)

Crate training is suggested by most all trainers and doggie advocates these days, as it will also become the puppy's "safe place" as well. I do have a download regarding crate training on my resource page as well. It also helps tremendously with potty training, as well as provides a safe place for the puppy in your absence. If you are getting an older puppy or adult, hopefully they are potty trained already, but remember that is still takes doggies time to adjust to their new surroundings, and a new routine. When purchasing a crate, it should be just big enough for the puppy/dog to stand up, turn around a lie down, or they may potty on one side, and sleep on the other! **By longest length, a 27 inch crate is plenty big enough for a puppy now, later, you have to up-size. As adult, 30 inch wire crate for a mini/small up to 25 lb or 36 inch for 30lb sm/med sized or over, you can use a divider in the meantime** Some wire crates come with a divider that enables you to make it smaller at the beginning and remove the divider as the puppy grows. If you plan to move the crate around in your home, the plastic ones have handles on the top, are lighter, and make a puppy feel more secure with more solid sides. He/she will be fine regardless! We just like to overthink all of this now that we have too much information! 😊

****If you would like the golden standard top of the line crate for optimal ease of use and successful training, I suggest Diggs. I have a Link for you to shop and get 10% off all items. Use this link, <https://glnk.io/jlnzw/asd-companion-doodles> with code ASD10**

I, in addition, suggest what is called an "X-pen", (a sort of play-pen, 8 panels), so that you have a secure place to put your baby during the day for short intervals if necessary, or you can use it also to gate an area. That is where the puppies are here in between playtime. I further suggest you get one at least 30 inches tall or more, as they are like little spider monkeys, and will scale a 24 inch pen to be with you no problem! (check Amazon for cheapest pricing, get one with a door, - Metal wire 8 panel X-pen with door, at least 30" high) 😊

For socializing and early training/safety... You may also want to get a little collar or harness (**size XS harness for now in small doodles and XS collar 8-12 inches in collar**), and a leash as well. I used to always include a leash, but everyone went out and bought a more stylish new one just after leaving here, (apparently my leash style-sense is lacking)! **I recommend a collar rather than a harness** because it is a way better training tool. Owners that use a harness tend to end up dragging their puppy along rather than **training** them. You **CAN** use a collar and leash as a training tool by simply giving a little jerk to the collar when you want to redirect your puppy and they will learn very quickly. The puppy will not learn well with a harness. You are trying to teach your puppy and guide your puppy. Not pick up your puppy like a suitcase LOL! You **CAN** and **SHOULD** take your puppy out on walks around the block in your area and they should meet other dogs you know. However also remember to **NOT** put the puppy down in places such as the vet, pet store, or dog park, etc, until another round of vaccines at least. **DO be sure to expose your puppy to other people, animals, and places in order to promote ample socialization in your new baby as well. During the time up to 14 weeks especially, (and beyond), it is a very important time to develop confidence and tolerance within your puppy by exposing them to a variety of surroundings (people and animals) that will influence their behavior and adaptability for years to come. In doing so, make sure that they always know from day one that YOU are the pack leader, not them. Just like a child, they WILL love you even if you feel you must give them a dose of "tough love"!** When you figure out the perfect formula for accomplishing all of that – let me know what it is, so I can perfect it as well!

Whew! Hope that helps! Is that enough information for you for now? I look forward to talking with you or seeing you again soon!

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