

Spirit Retriever's Your Puppy's Health

The mother and her litter have been well cared for during her pregnancy. The puppy has been fed **Purina Pro Plan, Adult, Shredded Lamb & Rice Formal**, as of 3 ½ weeks of age. I feel “**Purina Pro Plan, Adult**” is one of the best dog foods that are available. Feed your new puppy ¾ of a cup of food 3 times a day. Put the food down for the puppy for 10 min. Then pick it up until the next meal. Because your puppy has new teeth coming in we suggest feeding dry kibble in 1 bowl and wet kibble in another bowl. Make sure the puppy has lots of water day and night. You can purchase “**Purina Pro Plan, Adult**” from many pet shops. We get ours from Petco in Redmond. We also used "Move Free" for joint care. This product was recommended by our veterinarian Dr. Keith Norton. You can purchase it at Costco. It is the human formula.

Your puppy's shot and worming records are listed within your information packet. Your Veterinarian will tell you when the other shots are due. I'm not a Vet, but I like giving my shots 3 wks apart, and the last one just **after** 16wks. At 16 wks. of age your puppy should also get a Bordetella shot. Canine Cough, Kennel Cough, or Bordetella, which ever you know it by, is like getting the flu. I give it always in the spring one time a year. At 16 weeks of age you should also get a 1 year Rabies shot. Follow your Veterinarians advice for shot schedule.

I use “Revolution” as my flea and tick treatment. I only treat 2 times a year (March & Oct) unless I'm going to take my dog into Heart Worm area or if my dog is itching. (The following is taken from the Revolution package.) Revolution kills adult fleas, prevents flea eggs from hatching and is indicated for the prevention and control of flea infestations. Prevention of heartworm disease caused by *Dirofilaria immitis*, treatment and control of ear mite (*Otodectes cynotis*) infestations and sarcoptic mange (*Sarcoptes scabiei*), and for the control of tick (*Dermacentor Variabilis*) infestations in dogs. Revolution is recommended for use in dogs 6 weeks of age and older.

Puppies always get worms. Your puppy has been wormed twice or more. They will need to be wormed a couple more times. You can take a stool sample to your Vet and he will be able to test for you. Lots of people just worm without testing. I used "Panacur". I like it because it is safe and I don't have to fast the puppy.

I suggest that you talk to your Vet about having your puppy microchipped. This microchip is an identification number in case your puppy is lost or stolen. When you get your microchip #, if you forward it to me, I will keep it in my records for you.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions about your puppy.