

## *FloriDachs Quick Question Reference Sheet*

What do the puppies eat, how much, how often?

Victor High Pro Plus -they eat 2 times per day at about 1/3 cup per feeding (this can be split into 3 feedings if you are home)

What dog treats should I buy, how often can they eat them?

Greenies (anytime), Train-Me training treats (only during training), Whimzees (brushies or dental stix - one per day), DentaStix (one per day)

What size / kind of crate should we buy?

Medium size crate with divider to make it smaller at first, larger as puppy grows - (30x19x21 approximately).

Size of playpen and what to put inside?

24inch (height) metal expandable pen (check amazon) add toys, a water bowl and puppy pads.

When do we vaccinate/ spay/ neuter?

Vaccination schedule will come with your paperwork – you & your vet will determine the specific vaccine schedule & the spay/neuter scheduling after talking with you.

What do we do for flea, tick, worm protection?

There are links on my “available puppies page” to various documents - your vet will usually determine specifics on that after talking with you.

[http://www.floridachs.com/FloriDachs\\_Heartworm\\_Preventative\\_Comparison\\_Chart.pdf](http://www.floridachs.com/FloriDachs_Heartworm_Preventative_Comparison_Chart.pdf)

[http://www.floridachs.com/FloriDachs\\_Dog\\_Flea\\_and\\_Tick\\_Comparison\\_Chart.pdf](http://www.floridachs.com/FloriDachs_Dog_Flea_and_Tick_Comparison_Chart.pdf)

Should we use pee pads in playpen?

We use newspaper, but pee pads are fine. The puppies will need a potty area in the pen for a while until their bladders grow larger and potty training is improving.

Type of harness/collar?

Kitten collars to start are best - the kind with no holes (stretchy/adjustable) until they are bigger and can wear a regular dog collar - harnesses can be used once they fit them!

Can you do the chip? What is the fee?

Yes. \$67.50 per dog and this includes a one-time fee for AKC Reunite chip registration.

What are best toys/teethers?

Greenies, nylabones, small rubber balls, unstuffed plush toys (no stuffing), rope toys, cow hooves, Kongs, tug toys, flying discs (anything dog approved that they like, really).

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How many hours in crate to sleep?

Overnight to start - otherwise put them in the pen. As they grow & start to be able to hold it longer, short trips to the store, etc. will be a good start and use your best judgement moving forward (a few hours maximum).

When should we get a trainer?

12-16 weeks to start very basic training. As their attention span grows, so will their ability to train and follow complex commands.

Can they be in pen all day while we are at work?

Yes, with a potty area and toys, just water no food. Having someone stop by or coming home on your lunch break is ideal, but in a safe, secure area will work while you are away.

When do I wash them and with what soap?

Dawn dish washing liquid is always a good option or puppy shampoo. Only bathe as needed or roughly once a month to remove dirt buildup.

What is best to use to clean paws?

Just warm water on a washcloth is best to wipe them down. There are foot products or baby wipes if preferred.

How often do I take them outside?

Puppies can go every 30-40 minutes at 8 weeks - to start take them out on a schedule or every time before you take them out to play, eat or socialize. Otherwise, you can leave them in the pen to potty on the pee pads.

Can they go for a walk right away or is it better to put them in pen outside at first?

You can start on a leash a little at a time in the house and in your yard. Let them pull the leash around on their own and then start gently pulling/directing them with it after they see it is of no danger to them. Remember! No major outings until after 12-week shots. No dog parks, no pet stores, no neighborhood walks, no major outings until after the full series of shots have been completed.

Is there insurance you recommend?

Puppies will go home with a form from Trupanion for 30 days free insurance and then you can discuss continuing the coverage.

