



*Congrats on your new Dreamydoodle Puppy!!*

### **Taking your new Dreamydoodle Puppy Home..**

This will be your puppies first car ride and they may also be nervous in a new environment with new people and your new puppy may become car sick during the first few rides in a car. We recommend taking another person along to hold your new puppy or use a dog carrier. Keep open the window about 3" to 4" from the top. Have your passenger frequently, but slowly, rub the underneath of the puppy's neck and talk to him in a soft voice. This proves to be effective most of the time in relaxing your new puppy. Most puppies will just sit there if they're being held. Take a towel along just in case your puppy does get sick. They will start to gag and that is your cue to grab your towel. Bring a plastic bag to put the towel or paper towels in. It is so important that everyone stay calm during this first car ride home. Just be prepared that they most likely will get sick.. and if they do...calmly clean it up and carry on.

### **What to bring:**

1. a towel
2. paper towels
3. plastic bag

### **Home at Last!**

Give your puppy about 45 minutes to an hour to settle down once you get home. Some suggest taking them out and letting them walk around on your front lawn for awhile but I only recommend this if your front lawn is far away from a public sidewalk where people may have walked their dogs. Parvo can last up to 6 months in soil and grass. Be careful where you allow your new puppy to go for the first 16 weeks.

I recommend taking them to your side or back yard first. You want to see if they have to go potty but your also introducing them to their new environment.

### **Keep it Calm...Calm, Calm**

Leaving everything your puppy has known in life so far will probably bring about some anxiety. However, this can be greatly diminished if you plan your schedules so that you will be home with the puppy the first 3 to 4 days at least. Make sure if you have young children that you've discussed with them before you pick up your puppy that it is necessary as hard as it's going to be.. to remain calm around the puppy at first. It won't be long before they will get to play and run and jump with their new puppy but the first few hours and days home should be pretty calm... just pay attention to your puppies body language if they seem OK with what's going on then carry on but if they seem nervous then try to lower the excitement level a few notches.

### **Eating Schedule**

Puppies eat 3 small meals a day. ½ cup or less each feeding, you will get to know what is the appropriate amount after the first week for your puppy. All puppies are different. The first few days they might have a smaller appetite. All food and water should be brought up by 5-7pm so he/she goes to sleep with an empty bladder and bowel. So they can sleep through the night with limited potty breaks. They eat around 7am, 12pm and 6pm. They will need to go potty immediately after sleeping and about 20-30 minutes after eating. Put your puppy on a set eating schedule. You can set an alarm on your smart phone so you can stick to their schedule easier.

### **The Puppy is Not Eating**

Not eating for the first day or day and a half - that can happen. Things are different for every puppy and how they react. In our care, puppies generally do as other puppies do; when one eats, they all eat. The adjustment period should only last a day or so. They may also get the runs from the stress this is also normal. Collect and take in a sample to your first puppy check appointment so they can check for parasites. Your puppy has been wormed but may need to be wormed again within 3 weeks from your pickup date. Worms are common and non life-threatening but still need to be regulated and treated if present.

## **How Vaccines Work**

When they leave our home your puppy will have had their first vaccination. Unlike human children you can't just give young puppies 1 vaccine and call it good. You're actually trying to catch a window of time when their Mom's antibodies wear off and your puppies need to kick in. If the puppy still has the Mothers antibodies still in play then any vaccine that is given will be useless. So young puppies between 8 and 16 weeks old are given the same vaccines (all in one shot) every 3 weeks in an attempt to catch that perfect window of time. This can be accomplished with the first shot or the third. You just never know. This is why it's SO important that you make sure that you're making those vet appointments on time and that they're getting all 3-4 sets of the same shot to make sure they are fully vaccinated. You can also do a test called titer testing to find out if the last vaccine worked before you give them another one just in case it is unnecessary. Do your research.

## **Be Careful Where you Take your Puppy**

Be very cautious about where you're taking your new puppy outside. Keep the puppy away from public places where other dogs may have been - until the puppy is fully vaccinated. Do not let your puppy come into contact with other dogs. If you have an adult dog at home then you must limit their access as well to dog parks and public areas until your new puppy is fully vaccinated, because there is always the chance that they may bring home a germ on their feet that won't hurt your older dog but could make your new puppy very sick. I'm not trying to freak you out. Just warning you to be careful. I don't want you to feel like you need to be walking around on egg shells with your new puppy.. I just want you to be aware of the possible dangers and do not hide them away until they're 16 weeks old. You can NOT wait to socialize them with other humans but you can wait to socialize them with other dogs.

## **New Puppy Schedule and Crate Training**

Your puppy wakes up between 6:30 and 7:30 AM.

- Take them right out of their crate
- Take them to the spot you would like them to go potty.
- Put them on grass area and say "go potty".. continue to say this until they go. What this does is helps them to learn to go potty on command. Pretty soon all you have to do is say "Go Potty " and they get what you mean.

- As soon as they squat, say “Good potty outside “puppies name”!”
- Then let them run around for a little while.

### **FEEDING TIME IN THE CRATE:**

When your puppy comes back into the house, it is feeding time. Feed your puppy in the crate so they get a positive feeling about being in their crate. Food should only be put down for 15 minutes. Whatever they do not eat gets picked up. About 15 to 30 minutes afterward, they will need to go outside to go poopy again.

### **POTTY SCHEDULE:**

Puppy will need to go outside after the following:

- first thing in the morning
- after eating am & pm
- waking up from a nap
- playing excessively
- coming out of the crate

The signs of having to go potty are sniffing and circling around. When you CANNOT be with your puppy, then they need to go into the crate or playpen. Puppy can choke on bones, stuffed toys, beds and blankets! So be careful about what you put in their enclosure with them.

### **BEDTIME IN THE CRATE:**

All food and drink should be brought up after 7pm. Bedtime for puppy is 10-10:30 PM. Again, they must go potty outside before going into their enclosure. When you put them back into their enclosure for the night say “Crate” and place them in and close the door. Do not make a huge fuss over them and get them all excited. Just calmly place them in their crate. If they cry, you just tell them in a low and (serious) voice “No, Quiet!” or whatever it is you wanna say just make sure to say the same phrase everytime so they learn that it means to be quiet and go to sleep. If puppy still cries in the crate, then you can tap the top of the crate and again in a low voice say “NO-QUIET!”. Do not repeat this step over

and over. Just do it a couple times and then let them cry. As long as they're fed, have had water, gone potty and are not in pain then they should be perfectly fine to go to sleep in their crate. Put the crate in another room if you have too get some sleep or it is too hard for you to listen too. It might be a hard first couple nights but it will pass and then you will have a dog that is crate trained.

**Never let your puppy out of the crate when they are crying**, if you must let them out, then you wait for a period of time when they have stopped crying and then you open the crate. You never want them to believe that you let them out because they were crying. Then they will continue to try this tactic. Believe me your puppy is not going to die of loneliness and they will eventually learn to love their crate and even use their crate as a special place they can go to get away. Dogs are den animals. They're just not used to being without their littermates. Do not beat yourself up because you are crate training them. Believe me it is going to be worth it in the long run.



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