



## **GOLDENDOODLES by Buddy and Annie (Dear Darling Doodles)**

### **Puppy Going Home Info For Litter whelped 10/30/2020**

Your new family member is well on her way to being housebroken at the date of this writing (12/01/2020). They know they are supposed to potty outdoors. But she has a puppy sized bladder, so she needs to be watched closely, especially in the first 2-3 days after you bring her home. If the new family follows these instructions, there may never be an accident in puppy's new home! That's my goal as their breeder, to insure that each puppy has the most successful and prosperous start in their new home as possible.

First things first, lol:

- 1** Please identify the spot in your yard where you wish your new puppy to do her business. Even if you plan to walk your dog to do her business in the future, you will want to do this at the beginning.
- 2** If possible, place the puppy's crate nearest the door you will be taking them out of to go potty.

After the logistics are sorted out:

- 3** Read and re-read the following list of times when your puppy will need to be carried out to the potty spot in your yard for the first few days..
  - a.** When they wake up
  - b.** When they've just finished eating
  - c.** When they've been playing (excited)
  - d.** Whenever you see them begin to sniff around
  - e.** When they start to squat, lol

I have trained them to potty using the command "hurry up." This command will come in useful in bad weather, on car trips, and whenever time is of the essence. I assure you, you're going to want to maintain this training.

For example:

You put your puppy in their crate to nap (yes, please, unless you know you will be present when the puppy wakes up to act immediately). Puppy wakes up. You take puppy out of the crate, carry her to the potty spot, set her down, and say 'Hurry up.' I also use a clicker to get the puppy's attention at my house, you may want to do the same. When puppy is done, heap praise on her, kiss her little face, tell her what a good girl she is :-)  
Puppy eats, you pick puppy up, carry them to potty spot, say: "hurry up," praise puppy.

It will take a few days, but puppy will learn the layout of the house, she will know her crate, and she will be able to walk out there on her own. You'll know best when to give it a shot. Just remember that the more closely you watch her the first week, the less drama there will be for the entire rest of her life. Those first few days are that important.



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So, lets get in deep concerning the crate, and crate training...

Crate training reinforces bladder control, teaches self-calming, and gives the puppy a safe, non-scary place to rest. I recommend covering the top of the crate with throw or smaller blanket, and a washable bathroom rug (x3) for bottom of crate. Max crate size is 36". Puppy can decompress from all the stimulation in their own little den.

Puppy should sleep in there at night, with the door latched, and also during the day when puppy naps. Puppy should always go in if you are leaving the house. Believe it or not, puppy will feel much safer inside. Your big beautiful house is a scary place for a little puppy.

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By the time your puppy goes home, she will be eating dry kibble most of the time, with two scrambled eggs a day; one in the morning and one for last meal of the day.

She doesn't eat after 5p, and she doesn't drink after 7p. By the time she goes to sleep for the night, she's been out often enough to where she doesn't have any thing left in her bowels over night (it takes about 4 hours from eating to pooing). This sets her up for success as she can easily hold her bladder and bowel overnight.

If she's going to bed earlier, adjust feeding times appropriately.

She will wake up hungry, and I've been waking up with her at 5a. For the first week or two, you're def gonna want keep this schedule. The puppies have basic understandings of 'hurry up,' 'in,' 'out,' and NO, lol. Please use them as well at least at the start.

By all means get yourself to a puppy training class as soon as possible. A well-trained puppy is a joy for everyone, but especially your family!

May God richly bless this new journey you're on!

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