

Goldendoodles By Buddy and Annie
(Dear Darling Doodles)

Puppy Going Home Info

For the **Magnificent Seven**, whelped 04/25/2021

Your new family member is well on their way to being housebroken at the date of this writing (06/09/21). They know they are supposed to potty outdoors. But they have puppy sized bladders, so they need to be watched closely, especially in the first 2-3 days after you bring your puppy 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 their 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, he will know his own crate, and he will be able to walk out there on his own to the potty spot. You'll know best when to give it a shot. Just remember that the more closely you watch him the first week, the less drama there will be for the entire rest of his life. Those first few days are that important.

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 a throw or smaller blanket, and a washable bathroom rug (x3) for bottom of crate. Max crate size is 36". Puppy can decompress from all stimulation in their own little den. Keep chew sticks in there always.

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 without them. Believe it or not, puppy will feel much safer inside. Your big beautiful house is a scary place for a little puppy. Puppy will not always need to sleep in the crate.. you will know when that time has come.

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. I wholeheartedly recommend that you switch to a raw diet eventually (sounds intimidating, but isn't!). Over time a dry kibble diet will actually dehydrate your dog. There is no way they can consume enough water to properly process it. I thought things like this were hogwash until I began experiencing issues with my adult dogs. The results of switching were nothing short of miraculous. I assure you I don't do anything with my adult dogs that isn't in their best interests and I don't follow fads with dogs, either. But their diet is LITERALLY the single most important thing you can do to keep your dogs healthy throughout their lives. End of Sermon!

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

If he's going go 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 few days, it's best to try to keep this schedule.

The puppies have basic understandings of 'hurry up,' 'in,' 'out,' and NO, and "Get Back in Your Own Yard," lol. Please use them as well at least at the start. I clap two or three times loudly when I call them in a high pitched, happy voice. They come running!

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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