I'd Love a Puppy



Top five ways to care for NEW PUPPIES and DIG up dog facts too

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1 A Puppy Report

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A Puppy's First **Year** of **Life**

A dog is a puppy from birth to one year of age. That first year is an important time. The puppy must learn to live with its dog family, other animals, as well as humans.





Before you get a puppy, think about what kind of dog would suit your family and your home. Read this checklist to help you and your family decide.

Social Studies

Puppy Checklist

Male	or	Female
Large	or	Small
Short Hair	or	Long Hair
Pure Breed	or	Cross Breed
Active	or	Less Active
Inside Dog	or	Outside Dog
Buy a Puppy	or	Animal Shelter
Home Pet	or	Farm Dog
Good with Children		Clever





VETS VACCINATE

A vet (or veterinarian) is an animal doctor. Vets care for farm animals, pets and wild animals. Vets give animals the right vaccinations to keep them healthy.

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The **TOP Five** Ways to **Look After** a Puppy



puppy snuggles into bed

No. 1

A Warm Bed for the Puppy

Like children, a puppy needs lots of sleep because it is still growing. Puppies love to snuggle into a soft bed with a rug to keep warm. Their beds should always be kept clean.

No. 2

Feed the Puppy

Most puppies need three small meals a day. A dog breeder or vet can provide advice about the best food for puppies. Puppies need plenty of clean water in a bowl.



food for the puppy



training the puppy

No. 3

Train the Puppy

Dogs like rules. In the wild, puppies learn how to behave from older dogs. In their new human home, puppies also need to learn some rules. One rule is not to chew things – like slippers.



exercise the puppy

No. 4

Exercise the Puppy

Puppies love to play. Exercise keeps them healthy and helps them grow strong. Exercise a puppy by taking it for short walks in the backyard, in a nearby park or along the street. When the puppy is older, it can go for longer walks.

No. 5

Give the Puppy Lots of Cuddles!

When puppies are first born, they stay warm by cuddling up to their mother. Cuddles will comfort a new puppy and help it to feel safe in its new home. Children love the cuddles, too!



cuddles for puppy

A puppy that is well looked after will grow into a healthy, happy, well-trained dog. Pet dogs can become people's best friends.

Scientists have proven that people who own dogs live longer, happier and healthier lives.

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Caring for the Puppy's Teeth

In the wild, puppies and dogs would have chewed on bones. So you should give them bones, too. Bones help keep the dog's teeth clean. Puppies and dogs should only be given raw bones. Cooked bones can splinter and cause stomach problems.

If you can't give your puppy or dog raw bones, use dog-chews or hard dog biscuits to help keep their teeth clean.

You may think giving your dog a bath is hard work. Think about how hard brushing its teeth would be! Some dogs that don't eat hard food will need to have their teeth cleaned. Vets use special brushes and toothpaste to clean the dog's teeth.



Doza is a British Bulldog. His two rows of teeth mesh together like sharks' teeth.



A puppy cleans its teeth by chewing on a bone.

Dogs that don't have their teeth cleaned can get tooth decay, just like people.



2 Puppy Pre-School



It's Time for **School**

Puppies should be trained by experts. At puppy pre-school, experts teach owners how to care for, and train, their puppies.

Puppies also learn how to:

- get along with other dogs and people
- learn commands, such as "come", "sit", "lie down" and "stay".





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