

# Stahlrosenhof Puppy Information Package

## Preparing for Your New Puppy

There are a number of things you will need to have before your puppy arrives. Many may seem obvious, like a leash and collar, crate and food. But you will also need a plan on what your schedule will be, or at least tentatively, and will need to have some things in place so you aren't scrambling around preparing for puppy after he arrives. Below is a check list of items and things you will want to do before you pick up your puppy.

**Leash:** 4' - 6' preferably

**Long line:** 15 - 20'

**Collar:** Your puppy may come with a small collar, but she will outgrow this quite quickly. We suggest you use a martingale type or regular buckle collar. Do Not use a choke chain on the puppy.

**Food and water bowls:** Stainless steel is easier to clean and keep up

**Comb or soft slicker type brush:** We also use large soft bristle horse brushes for routine brushing of the adults.

**Food:** Your puppy will start out on Native3 Puppy or Earthborn Puppy food. If you need to change this that is fine, just make certain your puppy is fed a high quality diet and is growing well.

**Crate**

**Toys:** Tennis balls, soft nylabones, tugs, stuffy

**Nail trimmers:** Guillotine type doesn't pinch as much as some of the others, but either trimmer type is fine, or if you are brave you can use a portable dremel.

**Mild puppy shampoo**

**Emergency card:** Listing important phone numbers and relevant information about your puppy such as date of birth, chip #, weight, typical feeding times and vaccinations.

Highly recommended if you have carpet: Good steam cleaner

There are a few things you should decide upon ahead of time such as:

Where your puppy will sleep.

What times of the day you will be feeding him.

Where outside she will be playing usually (make sure there is nothing obvious she could injure herself on, or get lose near a road)

Where outside she will be going potty. This may sound silly, but consistency will greatly reduce the housebreaking time.

Who will be visiting during the puppy's initial adjustment. We suggest that you let your puppy get used to his surroundings and let him see a few people at a time handling him before you have the neighborhood party to introduce your new puppy :)

Crawl around the house and look at it from puppy level to make sure there are no immediate problems your puppy can get into. (she will find some anyway, but this will help to alleviate the obvious) It will not take long before your puppy will be climbing, so do not be surprised if you find your puppy on the back of the couch or on top of the kitchen table. As a side note, hiding toys in high places or in cabinets is fruitless. They will typically get them, or hurt themselves trying. You may want to find something that locks or securely closes to keep toys in.

You will want to have some type of tentative training schedule, and set goals. For example, within a week you want your puppy sitting for his dinner bowl.

Most importantly, plan daily play time! I don't mean you need to drop everything at 10 am every day and go play, but you definitely need to set aside some time every day. And as always, consistency helps. You may find you will have to take your puppy out to play whether you are ready or not, because otherwise your sweet fluffball will turn into the tasmanian devil trying to release some energy. This is called puppy zoomies. This is NOT a pretty sight in the living room.

