## Shiloh Garden's Moyen Poodles



Puppy Supply List & Information

Collar~~8-10" for Moyens

Harnesses work best for training puppies and for taking them on walks. There is no pulling on the neck area like with a collar.

Retractable Leashes are excellent for training and giving extension for walks and frequenting dog facilities where a leash is required.

Stainless steel bowls~~~ These are more sanitary and easy to keep clean & disinfect.

Conklin Fastrack Microbial Powder & Gel ~~ Essential for the gut health of your poodle for the duration of their life. The microbial powder is daily and the gel is for times of stress such as vaccinations, worming, vet trips and travel.

Life Abundance Small/Medium Breed Puppy Food ~~~ Be sure and have the food ordered which can be done from the home page of the website so you have it on hand for when your baby comes home!!!

Have lots of chew toys available to them for play and also to work their teeth & gums during this teething time when you get your puppy. As new babies in the home, specified times for their chew times are important for training during quiet times when you may be busy or otherwise occupied. They can be used for daytime crate time or if you have to be gone from home for a period of time. Night time is not recommended for use in keeping them quiet with a chew toy, as it is just that, night time. A special soft baby or snuggle puppy with a heartbeat & warmer is perfect for bedtime.

BE SURE YOU WATCH YOUR LABELS FOR TREATS MADE IN CHINA!!! AVOID THESE!! Look for USA made treats!

Nyla bones makes a great teeth cleaning chew toy that our poodles love, both big and small. They come in orange, blue and pink and have the little bumps on them to clean their teeth.

The poodles "love" balls and the small rope pull toys to drag around as they are light for their mouths & great to play with other dogs in the home. Make SURE the balls are not too small that they can choke on them. They also like (safe) well made squeaker toys and things they can run around with. Poodle safe frisbees are also a favorite for as they mature to aid in jumping and agility skills as well as a "fun" beginning retrieving tool for them as pups.

Raw beef bones are an excellent source of calcium as well as an excellent teeth cleaner, although they can be a bit messy in the house until they get the bones clean. They are great for a sunny day out in the yard while you are doing yard work. (DO NOT FEED COOKED BONES TO YOUR DOGS!!!!) Make sure they don't eat too much of a bone at one time as too much can irritate their digestive tract causing constipation. Any bones or vegetables used for household cooking will leave you with a mineral rich stock that you can use to add to their food from time to time. The toys and moneys need the hardness of their kibble for the health of their teeth as they are more prone to dental problems. Good teeth care is essential.

Deer antlers are an excellent choice for their teeth.

Rawhide Bones can cause them to get sick and vomit as well as break into pieces and get caught in their throat or digestive and bowel tract.

Pig ears or anything with dye in them such as doggie biscuits like the ones you get at the bank are chemically unsafe for the puppies or adults.

A toothbrush and natural toothpaste, brushing once a day is highly recommended for a lifetime to help fight agains heart health issues as well as liver & kidney failure.

Be wary of small things in your home that is on the floor, "they <u>WILL</u> find them and just like a small child, put them in their mouth. If you have a wood stove, watch your small wood pieces, they will grab those and chew on them and can get them caught in their throat.

NuVet Plus vitamins are highly recommended for your puppies for the duration of their life. They are a combination of human grade ingredients designed to combat the ravages of free radicals. They are an excellent source of disease prevention and health maintenance. I have had several folks that have had older dogs with arthritis and other complications that have put them on the NuVet Plus vitamins and have had fabulous success and seen a major difference in their dog. They also keep the eyes clear of any tear staining if you have other pets with this problem. They come in either a wafer/tablet form or a convenient powder that can be added to their food. I prefer the powder as it is just easier to mix in with their food and some of them don't like the wafers. A canister of the powder will last you a long time.

A pamphlet has been included in your puppy packet along with a sample of the vitamins. They can be ordered by calling NuVet 1(800)474-7044 or going to my Website and clicking on the NuVet banner.

(Your Order Code to make an order is: 57980) This is required when ordering

Snuggle Puppies are wonderful companions for a puppy. They come with a heartbeat and warmer and are excellent for shipping, or to put in their crates at home. We will have them on hand and if you have a choice preference, please let us know 3 weeks in advance of shipping or pickup!! I have black, brown & cream on hand currently.

## \*<u>We recommend that you send a shirt ahead of time that has your scent on it and when</u> you arrive to pickup your pup at our home, or at the airport, your baby will recognize you by your scent on the shirt.

CRATE: If your puppy is being air shipped, you are responsible for the cost of the crate that we will pick up for you. He/she will fit in the crate for quite awhile. Your puppy is well started on their potty training when leaving our home & has learned to use a doggie door. We can't expect a puppy to be fully trained by 8-10 weeks, however, the reports I hear back with the system I have developed with my puppies has been very successful. However, as with our human children, each one progresses at a different pace and we can't have too high of expectations. It is a matter of the transition of leaving our home, their siblings & everything they have known thus far & getting them settled into your home and routine. They are just kids, so you don't want to move to quickly with them in any aspect of training. The richness that comes from overcoming and learning something new is a great jewel.

TENT CRATES: wonderful, soft sided crate that collapse down to a very convenient size for traveling, with several various types available. They are awesome for traveling, camping, motel stays or visiting someone else's home that perhaps isn't as dog friendly. Best to use when the kids are done with the teething and chewing stages. WIRE CRATES: these are great because they can watch you in all directions from these when they are needed. They are also collapsible for travel.

BEDDING/DOG BEDS: These vary in style and it will be your personal preference in choosing which type would be suitable for you, your pup and your home. While the puppy is still in the potty training stage of the crate, you will want something soft and comfortable, but easy to wash until he/she is accident free. Then changing to a fleece for comfort is an awesome choice when the laundry worry is over. We have some of the off the floor beds that have mesh so can be used outside as well and are easy to clean. I put a soft fleece on top and sometime a body pillow which they love.

WATER CHANGE: The kids have been spoiled on our clean, clear and fresh mountain spring water that we are very blessed to have on our property. Their digestive systems can be disrupted by food, location and water changes. All of which can cause stomach upset or diarrhea, especially if you have a high iron content.

Water will vary greatly from ours, so it is recommended that you keep them on bottled water for a few days and then gradually add your water to make the change. Be sure and make it slow and gradual as with your food change if you decide to make one from what they have been accustom to. However, if a food change is made, it must be gradual and mixed with the food provided over a period of time for their digestive system to adjust.

This brings me to want to chat a bit about the responsibilities of the addition of a new puppy into "your" home and lives, as this is a commitment that you are making to this puppy for the rest of "their" lives.

When purchasing a puppy from us, you are agreeing to take full responsibility for his/her welfare, feeding, health care, training, continuing the house training process, etc. and all that <u>PUPPYHOOD</u> entails. Some of which that can be less than pleasant such as the chewing/teething period (having things readily available to them), being a bit rambunctious at times (re-directing their energies), underfoot, wanting attention (giving it to them), perhaps mouthy (as they are communicative with their nose/mouth) \*(take time to see what they are saying or asking), potty accidents/training, etc. All of these are situations that are normal and can be handled constructively.

The training is up to YOU! Puppy classes are highly recommended and there are many training videos that are available for purchase or through YouTube that can be viewed and/or purchased prior to getting your new puppy. Watching these will help you to feel more confident in working with your baby when he/she arrives. Treats are an excellent training tool as we all like rewards and so do they. Clicker training has been very effective for many. They can also be trained to ring a bell when they are in need of going outside to the bathroom. Poodles are people in furry dog bodies that have an amazing intelligence level, thus making them a real joy to train. They love to be with you doing whatever you are doing, whether its work, rest or play and make wonderful snuggle puppies themselves for us adults at our nap, rest or night time.

Remember, each puppy is their own individual, just as we are and special and unique in their own way. The rewards of training are greater for you as you see the time, love and effort that you put into them coming back to you.

HEALTH CARE including eyes, cleaning and pulling hair out of the ears, brushing their teeth and bathes are essential. Find a good vet and one you can trust is of the utmost value to you as a pet owner.

GROOMING: It may be convenient, desirable or time effective for you to take your poodle to a groomer. If this is the case, finding a good one prior to the arrival of your puppy is a good idea. Look for one that will care for and handle your poodle the way you would if you were grooming him/her. If perhaps you are wanting to learn to groom, save yourself the expense of paying someone else and doing the handling/bonding yourself which is what I highly recommend, you will find it to be very rewarding and time well spent with your friend.

A good set of clippers such as the "Andis" or "Oster A5 Golden" (only single speed is really necessary) are excellent clippers. Not necessary, (as they are expensive) but something that I use is a clipper vacuum that has an attachment that clips onto your clipper and vacuums the hair while you groom. It is wonderful because when you are finished you don't have hair stuck to every part of you as well as in your eyes, mouth and mounded on the grooming table and floor. The Andis clippers do run a bit cooler than the Oster's. I do recommend a grooming table as they are at the right height for grooming and for your backs sake. Shirlee Kalstone has written a book called Poodle Clipping and Grooming that is an excellent resource to help you learn how to groom your poodle with lots of illustrations to help you along in the learning process. For the face, feet & base of tail you can use a 15, 30 or 40 Blade, which the later gives a very nice, close clean cut. In the summer I take their coat down with a 7 blade and other times of the year use the 3 Blade and it keeps them neat and I let it grow out for the real cold months as a coat for your poodle is recommend for warmth when it gets really cold. There are numerous brushes and combs available such as slicker brushes, pin brushes, matting combs, and those with ergonomic handles.

A grooming table is essential to get you and them off of the floor for you backs sake and easier & more effective grooming.

A good ear wash is essential for cleaning the ears, ear powder to put in he ears to aid in pulling the ear hair which can be done with your fingers or a hemostat works very well. You want to take great care in working in the ear canal as they can move quickly and you don't want to jab them inside the canal. It is important to keep the ears clean because with the longer ear leathers, deep ear canal with hair, they need to be kept clean and free of hair as it is a breeding ground for infection and common to the poodle breed. I recommend the Zymox products for ear cleaning and for yeast or bacterial infections that may occur in the ear canal. It is a natural/enzymatic solution with out steroids and it works and is very easy to use.

Nail clippers or Dremel tool can be used to keep the nails trimmed. If you clip a nail too short, having Kwic Stop Powder on hand is necessary to stop the bleeding.

It is not uncommon for puppies to have car sickness and throw up, but is eventually something they will outgrow. The smaller breeds are not as susceptible as the larger poodles are. Not feeding them prior to traveling is one possible preventative or feeding several hours before leaving or late the night before will help. I always leave the house with plenty of towels and a bottle of warm water if the need arises.

Last but not least, for those wonderful occasional surprises and definitely not desired potty or poop messes that can happen, Natures Miracle is an excellent cleaner, deodorizer and stain remover as well as there are many other natural products on the market to choose from.

Thank you for choosing a Shiloh Garden's Poodle for your newest family member!

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