

## Psalms 37:4 & 5



### Shiloh Garden Standard Puppy Supply List & Information

10-12" Collar & Leash of choice~~~

Retractable leashes are excellent for training~~~

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

Have lots of chew toys available to them for play, and also to work their teeth and 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 for quiet times while you may be busy or otherwise occupied. They can be used for daytime crate time if you have to be gone from the 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 the heartbeat and warmer if it is the colder months would be perfect for night. ~~~~

Greenies are wonderful and help freshen & clean their breath~~~

They love ropes to play with other dogs and/or their human counterparts~~~

Kong's are great as they have to work for their treat and its fun for them~~~

Poodle Safe Soft Frisbee's are a wonderful play toy 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 a wonderful teeth cleaner, although they can be a bit messy in the house until they get the bones clean. They are great for a nice sunny day out in the yard while you are gone or otherwise occupied. Any bones used for household cooking will leave you with a mineral-rich stock that you can use to add to the grains in your basic food mix or to soften their food in the morning. (Do Not feed cooked bones to your dogs)!!! (The Recipe for the Basic Food Mix is provided in your puppy packet). Be careful they don't eat too much bone at one time, as this can irritate their digestive tract causing either constipation or diarrhea.

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 and anything with dyes in them such as doggie treats biscuits are chemically unsafe for the puppies or adults.

Homemade biscuit recipes are provided in your puppy packet for a healthier snack.

Nyla bones have some great teeth cleaning chews that our poodles love. When any wear is seen, they are discarded and new ones are purchased.

Watch your hair scrunchies or nylons as these can be ingested and cause blockage in the intestinal tract requiring surgery.

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. They keep the eyes clear of any tear staining if you have other pets with this problem. They come in either a tablet/wafer form or a convenient powder that can be added to their food. I prefer the powder to mix in with my poodle's food as some of them don't like the wafers. A pamphlet has been included with your puppy packet with a sample of the vitamins and can be order by either calling NuVet 1-(800)474-7044 or going to the NuVet website: [www.nuvet.com](http://www.nuvet.com)

( Your Order Code is: 57980 Required when ordering )

Snuggle Puppies or Comfort Puppies are wonderful. They come with a heartbeat and warmer and they are excellent for shipping, or to put in their crates at home. If your puppy is being shipped, they can be sent to us here at Shiloh Gardens to go home along with your puppy. They will come with your name on them so that we know who they are for. Do let us know however, that you have ordered one and that it is on the way.

They can be ordered by going to [www.snuggleme.com](http://www.snuggleme.com)



Snuggle Puppy

He/she will be shipped with a special towel that has been rubbed on their momma and siblings with their scent for the trip home, along with a toy to play with in their crate. This helps with the introduction from our home into yours.

CRATE: If your puppy is air shipped, you will have the medium sized crate to use until he/she outgrows it. It is not necessary to graduate them in size if you are purchasing your first crate for those not being shipped. A large or x-large crate would be preferable, as

the smaller size is not necessary initially, due to the stage of potty training that your puppy will be at when acquired.

Your puppy is very well started on their potty training when leaving our home. One cannot expect a puppy to be fully trained by 8 – 10 weeks, however, the reports 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 and getting them settled into your home and routine. They will need to know what is expected of them and where you want them to relieve themselves.

This can be achieved by first carrying them to the area you want them to potty the first couple of times, then carry them  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way, put them on the ground and ask them to follow you the rest of the way, graduating to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the way, then  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the yard and then walking them all the way to the area/corner where you want them to go. You should then see them walk out to the designated area on their own, or close to it after a few times of following you. All things have been done gradually in working with them and I have found this to be very effect and easy for them to understand and retain. They are just kids, you don't want to move to quickly with them in any aspect of training. Thank goodness our parents didn't get rid of us when we didn't quite meet their expectations at various times and stages of our development. The richness that comes from overcoming is a great jewel.

TENT CRATES are a wonderful soft sided crate that collapses down to a very convenient size for traveling, with several types available. These are awesome for traveling, camping, hotels or staying at someone else's home.



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. Soft thick towels or an inexpensive blanket cut in half to gain two works well. Then changing to a fleece for comfort is an awesome choice when the laundry worry is over.

For around the house or your bedroom they have a wide array of dog beds ranging from the extravagant log beds to cots, etc.



Costco sells both the round cedar dog beds as well as the very large dog blankets for the floor, your car, kennels, couches or as a throw on "your" bed to keep it clean. They are easy to store and throw in the washer.

WATER CHANGE: The kids have been spoiled on our clean, clear & refreshing 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.

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 it to make the change over. Be sure and make it slow and gradual as with your food change if you decide to make one. A baggie of food that they have been accustomed to in their diet, is provided with the pup. However, if a food change is going to be made, it must be gradual and mixed with the food provided for a period of time to adjust their digestive system.

The puppies have been on the Flint River Ranch "Fish N" Chips" Formula (Trout & Potato) which has a protein content 21%. Most puppy foods are 26-29% protein which for a large breed dog (such as the Standard Poodles,) can cause too rapid of bone growth, causing other problems and a considerable amount of pain for them. They are already growing at an enormous rate from the time they are 8 weeks on, so much so, that one would almost say they can see them grow. The Fish N' Chips Formula coupled with the Basic Food Mix And/Or Meat added to the diet is a good balance for bone growth. The Flint River Ranch Food is manufactured by the company themselves in their own factory where no other dog foods are also being processed. It is oven baked twice, 3 times a week, and is sent from the factory directly to your home. There is no shelf life or long term shipping time with variable temperature extremes which can cause molding of dog food. It is all natural US grown ingredients, other than the Lamb which is from free-range grown Lamb from New Zealand. There is no wheat or corn which can cause allergies in dogs, no by-product, artificial flavor or color and no BHT or BHA.

This is the kibble that the pups have been fed while at Shiloh Gardens along with the Basic Food Mix. Perhaps a warm morning bowl of oatmeal on a cold day might also meet their fancy. Remember, they love it mixed with burger or other goodies of such nature from time to time for a special treat.

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 Shiloh Garden Standards, you are agreeing to take full responsibility for his/her welfare, feeding, health care, TRAINING etc., and all that PUPPYHOOD entails. Some of which 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 being mouthy (as they are very communicative with their nose/mouth) (take time to see what their 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 thru SitStay.com that can be viewed and purchased prior to getting your new puppy, so that you feel confident when he/she arrives. Treats are an excellent training tool as we all like rewards and so do they. Standard Poodles are people in furry dog bodies that make me wonder sometimes if their not smarter than we are. They simply love to be with you doing whatever you are doing, whether its work, rest or play. They are usually very easy to train and well behaved, but again, I want to reiterate the fact that each puppy is an individual and some may be more strong-willed, or take longer in their training than others. This just makes the rewards greater for you as you

see the time, love and effort that you put into them coming back to you. I always liken them to our children as they are so similar in so many ways if you look for it.

You can learn so much about people by watching the animals and how they interact, whether it is with each other or other animals.

The Standard Poodles are such an amazing and intelligent dog, and the wonderful characteristics of the breed are very “standard” if you will.

They love to go hiking, camping, fishing, cross country skiing, running or wherever your interests lie as they are very athletic. At the same time they are also content to be a couch potato if you are not an active person. Exercise cannot be neglected and he/she would be happy to take walks or jogs with you going the distance of your abilities. Just remember their bones and muscular systems are growing until they are appx. 18 mo. of age, so limitations on distance will need to be taken into consideration until that time has been reached.

**VACCINATIONS** and routine health care entailing eyes, ears or teeth are yours.

Different areas of the country require different vaccination ingredients, heartworm medicine (we don't have heartworm in Montana, thankfully), fleas, ticks, etc. You will need to find out what is required for your area from your vet.

**GROOMING:** It may be convenient, desirable or time effective for you to take your standard poodle to a groomer. If this is the case, finding a good one prior to the arrival of your puppy is a good idea.

If perhaps you are wanting to do it yourself which I highly recommend you will find it to be very rewarding and time well spent with your pup.

Following are some recommendations of tools that you will want to look for:

Starting with the book Poodle Clipping and Grooming by Shirlee Kalstone.

A good set of clippers, such as “Andis” or “Oster A5 Golden's” are excellent clippers.

Not necessary, but something that I use as I'm grooming every day, is a clipper vacuum that has an attachment that clips onto your clipper and vacuums the hair while your 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 and mouth and mounded on the grooming table and floor.

For the face, feet & base of tail you can use a 30 or 40 Blade which gives a nice, clean short cut. In the summer, I use either a 7F blade, or for a really close/hot weather retriever type clip I'll use a 10 blade.

In the fall I use a 3F Blade and then let their coat grow. For maintenance but enough coat to keep them warm in the winter, you can use a 40 Blade with the length of clipper blade guard desired for your part of the country's weather & temperatures.

A grooming table is essential to get you & them off the floor for your backs sake. It is not recommended that you groom while sitting on the floor.

There are numerous brushes and combs available such as slicker brushes, pin brushes, matting combs, wide tooth combs and combs with wooden or ergonomic handles.

Ear wash for cleaning the ears, ear powder to put in the ears to aid in pulling the ear hair which can be done with your fingers or a hemostat works very well. You just want to take great care in doing so. It is important to keep the ears clean because with the long ear leathers, deep canal with hair, they need to be kept clean and free of hair to prevent infection which is common in the poodle breed.

Nail Clippers are essential for keeping their nails trimmed or Nail Grinders are also available if using the clippers seems uncomfortable for you.

If you clip a nail too short, you can either cauterize it or use MediStyp or Kwic Stop Styptic Powder, Gel or Pads to stop the bleeding.

I don't recommend that you use a cheap shampoo, as these can be harsh and dry out their coat. There are several good shampoos that are available and some of them come in a concentrate so they will last you a long time.

Bio-Groom offers several types of shampoo for the various colors of poodles.

It is not uncommon for puppies to have car sickness, throw up or drool and is something that they will eventually outgrow. Not feeding them prior to traveling is one possible preventative and feeding several hours before leaving or late the night before traveling will help. Fasting is preferable for both them & you and can eliminate or at least minimize the sickness. I always leave the house with several hand towels and a bottle of warm water if needed.

Last, but definitely not least, for those wonderful occasional surprises and definitely not desired potty/messes that can happen, Natures Miracle is an excellent cleaner, deodorizer and stain remover. It can be found at most pet and feed stores.