

Doberman Pinschers of EvR Moore
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YOUR NEW PUPPY CHECKLIST

Food/ Treats

- Current collar size 8-10"
- Puppies are currently eating Purina One Large Breed Puppy food (included with puppy care kit for transitioning or continuing) along with a mix of Purina One large breed sensitive stomachs adult feed. I recommend starting the puppy on your choice of large breed food 50/50 with the puppy food bag until it is finished, then keep the puppies on the large breed food so they do not grow too rapidly. The puppies can start on 1 cup of food three times a day and increase if they finish everything at each meal
- **DO NOT feed grain free as this has been shown to cause DCM in many dogs, Doberman Pinschers included regardless of DCM clear health tests of parents**
- Soft training treats are recommended for positive reinforcement. I have included a bag to start!
- Stainless steel water and food bowls help prevent puppy acne, cleaned after each meal as well as using a wet paper towel to wipe chins/ mouths, IF your puppy develops puppy acne don't stress- many do, even my own. Clean chin with witch hazel
- Please do not feed rawhides. I highly recommend BENTO BALLS, HIMALAYAN CHEWS, and MARROW BONES or soft treats/ toys

Collar, Leash, ID tags

- When you register with AKC you can opt in to receive a microchip in the mail for your puppy. You or your vet can insert this chip into the left shoulder/neck area. Please also remember to purchase a 6ft leash and appropriate collar for training along with a name tag and contact information. E Collars and Choke Chains are not recommended until 6+ months of age, and at that time can be very useful and appropriate for training. I do not recommend retractable leashes for any age.

Crate Training

- Puppies should begin getting used to sleeping in a crate every night and should be crated while you are not home until trained. Place a puppy pad in case of accidents in the kennel with a bed and a small amount of water, and offer plenty of potty breaks to continue with outdoor training. Puppies typically will cry for 7-10 days during the first nights in their

kennel- some people recommend a ticking clock to mimic a heartbeat and a warm water bottle by their bed to help with this anxiety. When they cry, I recommend trying to wait it out, then if it goes on for more than an hour petting/ comforting in the kennel and then leaving them again. Covering the kennel to create a “den” also can help in the first weeks. The more tired they are before bed the better they will sleep. Be sure to allow for a potty break and some play before putting in the crate.

Grooming

- Puppies are used to having their nails trimmed every 3 weeks
- Bathing with gentle or natural shampoos is acceptable as needed, i try not to bathe more than three times a year to allow the natural oils in their skin to keep their coat shiny
- Wipe chins and faces after eating to help with puppy acne

Veterinarian/ Insurance

- Puppies have had their 8 week shots and appropriate dewormings
- Puppies have their first heartworm prevention at 8 weeks
- Please schedule your vet visit as soon as possible to establish routine care and continue with age appropriate vaccines, heartworm prevention, and deworming.
- Insurance is recommended for all dogs and typically ranges from \$40-\$50/ month, AKC provides one month free (paperwork included in puppy packet)
- Ears cropped at 9 weeks. Dr. John Harroff of Cabarrus Animal Hospital is who we trust with our litters. Posting videos will be sent to the group. Please pick up ¾ inch backer rod or tampons, black medical tape, torbot glue, duct tape., and wet wipes for posting materials
- Spay and Neuter should not be done until 2 years of age

More great information can be found at:

https://www.purinaproclub.com/sites/g/files/auxxlc346/files/2018-08/2017_puppyguide.pdf

Included in your puppy care bag upon pickup

- AKC registration information
- AKC litter information
- AKC Insurance information
- Vet records- vaccines and deworming
- Current puppy food
- Puppy pads
- Training treats