

It's almost puppy time! Fun times ahead! Here are some things you are going to want to be sure to have on hand. We've created a little shopping list for you to help make things as easy as possible for you.

1. **Food** – feeding a high quality food is critical to the longevity and quality of life that your puppy will have.

Recently our boy Sampson was diagnosed with cataracts at age 6! After talking extensively with the vet who shrugged it off and called him an old man... I dove into nutritional research. Only to find that sodium selenite causes cancer, cataracts and early death and is used in almost all the dog food manufacturing companies. So, I started talking with other vets, nutritional vets and other breeders to see what was recommended. We switched all of our dogs to Life's Abundance All Life Stage kibble or Just the All Life's Stage with grain. We start all of our puppies on All Life Stage Kibble and pork and venison at 4 weeks of age. We do NOT use puppy kibble.

Please visit the dog food tab on this intro page to place your order for dog food. It will link you to our breeder page. Please be sure to reference this link when you order. It will place all your orders under our kennel which is easy for us and helps with the warranty process should any issues arise. Your puppy is currently eating **All Life Stage kibble with grain** mixed with the Pork and Venison wet food and a little water to moisten the kibble. Usually about 1/2 of a cup 3 times a day. Within a month or so you should be able to modify the feeding schedule and go to 2 times per day.

Your puppy will most likely end up eating around 3/4 - 1 cup of kibble with a little bit of moist food mixed in for breakfast and dinner. This food is pretty dense with calories. My adult dogs need 3/4 - 1 cup 2 times a day. Puppies will need a little bit more than that during the growth period. We do NOT feed the puppy kibble. All of our puppies are always fed the All Life's Stage kibble. (Many times our Golden Retrievers will need the grain free... but for the most part 99.9% of our dogs are on the kibble with grain... I find that their coats do better with the grain version).

I highly recommend the following products from Life's Abundance:

FOOD:

- **All Life's Stage kibble**
- **Life's Abundance Pork and Venison puppy canned food (I recommend getting a case of this to start with- when puppies go to their new homes food is always the first thing to go by the way side. Moving homes/families is stressful and most puppies quit eating. A spoonful of the wet food on top of the dry kibble mixed with a little hot water and you have a food so good the puppies don't want to not eat.)**

In September we received an email that one of our puppies choked on a piece of kibble and died. Please add water to the food! In the beginning you will want to soak your babies kibble. PLEASE do not use kibble as training treats. The puppy that died was given kibble as a training treat.

ADDING the water helps to minimize the risk of a puppy choking and an adult dog bloating. It also helps to slow the dogs eating down)

Life's Abundance is not available in the stores. So placing your food order on an autoship really helps! For the first month I would recommend an 18# bag over the period of 4 weeks. With one case of wet Pork and Venison. This is the recommended 1st order with a 4 week autoship. When you open the next bag of food, notate the day that you start feeding it. You can always adjust your autoshipment as needed.

TREATS:

- Life's Abundance Tasty Training Treats (these work GREAT!)
- Pig snouts and the bully sticks are huge hits around here
- Bully sticks

CLEANERS

- To help when you puppy has an accident: Bio-Base Biodendorizer

Spray

When you take your puppy home please do not give vitamins or any supplements nor any training treats until you know that your puppy can maintain solid stools in your home. Should be 3-4 days. The stress from the move from our home to yours can throw their stools off. Adding training treats and supplements can along with a residential and water change can be too much at one time.

Shampoo and Ear Cleaner:

We recently had to start grooming our own dogs due to COVID19. We found a new shampoo product that we absolutely LOVE! It is a complete system; shampoo, conditioner and a finishing spray that you blow dry in. It cuts through mats better than anything I've ever used. This is an absolute must have if you have a doodle. They also make an ear cleaner that smells amazing and is a great value.

Supplements

2. **Nu-Vet Wafers** 100% of my dogs are on Nu-Vet Wafers as a nutritional supplement and antioxidant and Nu-Joint supplements to aide in proper bone development. Nu-Joint will help you puppies bone development and will continue to help with the aging process. All of my dogs are on both the Nu-Vet and Nu-Joint supplements from 4 weeks until they pass.

You puppy will come home with a 3 day supply until your first order arrives. The wafers are an antioxidant and help with skin and coat and help prevent over 50 diseases that dogs are prone to. There is a link on the family page. You can get the Nu-Vet Wafers in a powder which is great for when they are puppies.

3. **MCT Oil...** MCT Oil or coconut oil is great for your dogs skin and coat, mental and weight management. I use a teaspoon on their food morning and night. It also helps keep hot spots away and helps with allergies, and dry flakey skin. I have some here if you would like us to have a bottle ready for you please let me know.
4. As your puppy starts to get his/her adult coat brushing will become more of a necessity in order to maintain a tangle free zone. Follow this link to our web page for a brush and a comb that will become your best friend! [Grooming Tools](#) You will find a comb, brush and hemostats.
5. Grooming Supplies: Please visit our Let's Go Shopping page you find what we recommend on: Food, supplements, training treats, cute ID collars, shampoos,

ear cleaner, floor cleaner for when your pup has an accident. Pretty much everything you are going to need. [Check out the links](#)

6. Collars: Your puppy will go home sporting a brand new customized Moonlit Acres puppy collar. This collar will fit just fine for several months. But when it becomes tattered and torn (they are washable) or they out grow it I would highly recommend getting a rolled, leather collar. The rolled leather collars minimize the matting of the coat.