



Save-a-Pet

The non-profit pet place

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**CARING FOR
YOUR
NEW PUPPY**



Food

Puppies at Save-a-Pet are fed Nutribyte Puppy pellets.

If you decide to change your new puppy's diet we recommend that you make a slow transition to avoid stomach upsets. Purchase a small bag of Nutribyte Puppy pellets and slowly begin introducing the new food over the course of 7 to 10 days, progressively increasing the amount of the new food. Alternatively put your puppy on a diet of chicken and well cooked rice/pasta for a few days and then slowly introduce the new food.



Vaccinations

All puppies at Save-a-Pet will have had their first vaccination before homing. Any vaccinations following adoption are for your own account at the veterinarian of your choice.

Please take careful note of when your puppy's next vaccination is due. It is vital to complete a puppy's full course of vaccinations to protect against diseases such as Parvovirus (cat flu), Distemper, Adenovirus, Parainfluenza and Rabies.

Parasites

Your puppy will have been regularly dewormed with deworming tablets at Save-a-Pet and a record kept on his/her vet card. Deworming is recommended on the following schedule:

- Every two weeks up to the age of 12 weeks.
- Then every month up to the age of 6 months.
- Then every three months throughout adulthood.

It is important to keep external parasites such as fleas and ticks under control as these can lead to discomfort, skin problems and illness. Your veterinary clinic will be able to advise you on what products are on the market.

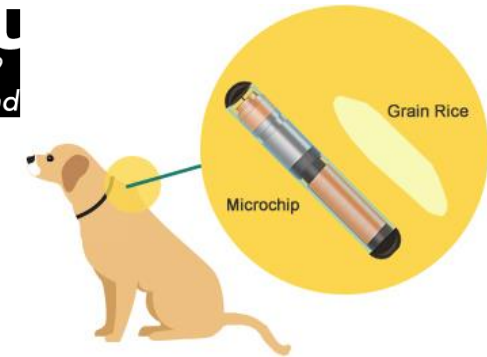


Identification

Your puppy will be microchipped at the time of adoption with an Identipet microchip.

Microchips cannot be removed or come off, and can be used to unquestionably prove that it is your dog. All welfare organisations and veterinarians keep microchip scanners and will scan lost dogs.

Download the Identipet App through the Google Play Store or iPhone App Store to keep your records up-to-date as well as access to a panic button.



Introductions

It is important to always remain calm and in control when introducing your puppy to your pets at home. You may find it beneficial to introduce dogs to each other in a neutral space, such as a park, where they can meet and then go home together. Do not fuss too much over your new puppy and be sure to give lots of love to your already established pets. Reward positive interactions with praise and treats.

Training

Save-a-Pet strongly recommends taking puppies to puppy classes where they will benefit from socialisation and you can learn skills such as house training, basic obedience and puppy care. It is a great way for you to bond with your puppy and nip any possible behavioural issues in the bud.

You may enjoy it so much that you decide to continue with obedience training!



Puppy Classes

Tali-Wag Puppy School – Tracey Grobler 083 320 2832

Walmer Vet Puppy School – 041 581 4000

Mount Croix Animal Clinic's Eukanuba Puppy School – 041 374 3034

Also visit: www.puppyschool.co.za



Puppy and Adult Dog Training:

A CROSS the BREEDS – Dog Training School – 082 393 5975

Baakens Valley Dog School – 079 292 2305

The Dog School – Mike Saward-Dumbris: 083 657 6009

Sardinia Bay K-9 Academy – 083 567 6308

