Puppy Information Sheet

<u>Vaccinations:</u> A puppy should have their vaccinations at 8 weeks, 12 weeks, and 16 weeks; however, the breeder will often give them a vaccination at 6 weeks to begin their immunity. Sometimes veterinarians will recommend getting a booster vaccine at 24 weeks also. Week 8, 12, and 16 are the most important.

<u>Worming:</u> A puppy should be wormed once every 2 weeks until it is 12 weeks old. *Then talk to your vet about a worming schedule.

<u>Heart Guard:</u> A puppy will need to be put on a heart worm prevention at the age of 5 months. Talk to your vet about the best prevention for your dog.

<u>Rabies Shot:</u> Check with your local laws to see when you have to vaccinate for rabies, but I recommend waiting till at least 5 months or at least 4 weeks after the last set of vaccinations. Renew after a year and then every 3 years after that.

<u>Flea Control:</u> At the age of 8 weeks flea control should be used. Ask your vet for the best application for your puppy.

<u>Food:</u> For my adult dogs I feed Diamond Extreme Athlete. For puppies I've tried a number of different foods. Right now I am using Diamond puppy food, but have used Eukanuba Large Breed Puppy and Natural Choice Large Breed Puppy in the past. I also give them Alpo canned dog food. Depending on your financial situation I would go for a dog food that has high crude protein and fat. Also, consider a dog food that is grain free or at least free of corn by-products and wheat. I highly recommend doing research on dog food! I have a few good links on my webpage that talk about dog food. Just remember switching dog foods can up set the stomach, so watch for diarrhea and keep a close eye on them if you see it.

<u>Breeding:</u> I **HIGHLY** recommend spaying or neutering your pet! Unless you have done extensive research and understand that having a litter of puppies is not just a big responsibility, but can also cause health problems leading to expensive vet bills. Only dogs that adhere to the breed standard should be bred, and they should be tested for genetic problems.