

Pegasus Stud

USEFULL PUPPY INFORMATION

PLEASE READ AS SOON AS YOU GET PUP HOME

HOME SPACE AND ENVIRONMENT

If you are able to, we recommend purchasing a crate and puppy pen so you can set up your puppy's own safe space. Crate training is very advantageous for your puppy as it matures. Having its own space gives pup security and a feeling of safety, like a den for them to go 'hang out'. It gives you the peace of mind that pup is not up to mischief and your household items are not being chewed or pooped on. You wouldn't leave a toddler unattended in your house, and its the same for a young dog.

Having your dog used to being in a crate enables you to contain them in a dangerous situation (think floods or bush fire evacuations) when traveling in the car, going camping or staying in a hotel or at a friends place, needing to stay at the Vets overnight or longer. There are so many good reasons to have your dog comfortable staying in a crate. They love it in there.



If the area you wish to set pups enclosure up is not on a tiled or vinyl floor then we suggest you go to Bunnings and purchase some vinyl to pop down on the floor that will be where your puppy pen is to be set up. This will protect your carpet or wooden floors and makes cleaning up after pup much easier.

The pen can be arranged into a shape to suit your house, but please put the puppy loo at the furthest end from the crate. Dogs do not like to sleep where they do their bizz.

AVOID Stairs, chairs, laps, lounges, high places and jumping

Your puppy is a bundle of energy and will think they are a Super Hero and can fly. It's your job to stop them.

Your puppy's bones are still forming and fusing as they grow and should not have any heavy impacts until they are finished this growth stage. For Toy dogs it is usually around 10 to 12 months, for medium to large dogs it is 12 to 16 months and extra large dogs 18 to 24 months.

Their front legs take the most impact when jumping down. They can really strain or fracture legs, injuring themselves if not supervised and jump or fall from a high place.

Most of the surgeries Vets do today on hips, elbows and luxating patella are because dogs were allowed to jump down and over stress fragile bones and joints as a pup or older dog. Save yourself thousands of dollars and your dog major discomfort and surgery by preventing them jumping or falling down from stairs, your lap, lounges, chairs, steps, high places or jumping up to catch a ball or frisbee (throw these low to the ground until pup is an adult)

You may need to set up some toddler gates at the top and bottom of stairs to prevent pup following you up and down those (or keep them in their pen unless fully supervised)

When young children are holding a wriggly pup it is best to have them sitting on the floor as they will have less risk of dropping your precious little puppy. Even a toddler holding a small pup is a long way for it to fall and injure itself.

I find sitting on the floor with my dogs is a great way to play with them and let them come cuddle in your lap or just you being down at their level is fun for you both. For young pups it makes you more approachable.

POTTY/TOILET TRAINING

Your pup is toilet trained to use a fake grass puppy loo whilst indoors. I suggest you purchase the same one we have set up in the puppy enclosure here. You can find them on eBay, Bunnings and in pet stores. Most pups learn to use it quickly and some are at least going beside to it prior to leaving us. Please remember they are still a baby animal learning 'the rules'. Kindness and patience will be rewarded if you just help your pup learn what is required.

When pup is using this potty correctly you will be able to pick up their poop with a pooper scooper or paper hand towel, and will need to empty the urine tray at least twice daily (more if your dog is not given any out door time). To keep the smell down (which is bacteria) we highly recommend getting some F10 Veterinary Grade disinfectant and diluting it according to the directions and spraying the trays and under side of the grass mat.



To teach pup to use the potty, pick up their poops and put onto the mat. A pup will need to 'go' after it wakes from naps or after it eats. Pick up pup and either take them outside or place them on the potty, making a big fuss when they go there and even offering a treat. Doing this will have pup 'house trained' in no time. Please remember little pups and dogs have small bladders so will need to be offered out door time or access to their potty(s) regularly. Pup will make mistakes from time to time, but

with consistent training and encouragement from you they will grow into an adult that knows the routine and how to behave in the home.

Remember to take your Doggy Do Do bags with you when walking your dog or using communal spaces for your dogs toileting.

Help ! My Puppy has turned into a SHARK !

Your pup is still very young and still teething their first puppy teeth, and then from 4 to 10 months of age will then loose those puppy teeth and start erupting their adult teeth. Don't Panic, This stage does pass once all teeth have erupted and gums have settled.

It's best to start very early and not allow puppy to chew on things you don't want, like your fingers and toes and young children, mobile phones, furniture, remotes and electric cables etc.

To prevent this from happening be prepared and have some good chew toys around to pop into their mouth when they go to chew on you or the kids.

I suggest getting a hard nylon bone, a good hard rubber toy and a goat horn for pup to chew on. They will still love to chew these as an adult dog as well so if you can afford it, get a few different types, shapes and textures. In the food section we discuss meaty bones and these are also great for your teething pup and cleaning their teeth.

When pup wants to chew on you or furniture you can pop them back into their pen or crate with their chew toys or play with pup with those toys and make it fun.

DISEASE PREVENTION

Your pup will leave us having been fully wormed for heart worm, tick and flea prevention. You will need give your pup a flea, tick, wormer, heart worm tablets/chews once per month.

Some brands treat intestinal worms and some don't. You will need to do your own research and discuss with your Vet what will be best for your pup/dog in the longterm as we all live in different areas of Australia.

They will need monthly heart worm prevention until 12 months of age. Then your vet can give them an annual injection if you prefer instead of the monthly treatment. Best to discuss this with your Vet.

Your pup will come to you having been administered their first Vaccination injection. Pup needs two more vaccinations to be fully immunised and then will require annual boosters. The dates for the next vaccination will be written on their immunisation documentations that comes with pup.

Pup will also be microchipped with their birthdate and breed, and where possible, your name, address and details will be recorded as well with one of the national animal registries. Please transfer pup to your name as soon as possible.

UNTIL PUP IS FULLY IMMUNISED DO NOT TAKE IT OUTSIDE OF YOUR PROPERTY OR MEET OTHER STRANGE DOGS.



TRAINING AND SOCIALISATION

Your new pup is a very young baby animal that will need to be trained by you in how you want it to live within your home and family unit. Dogs love to fit in and living in a pack (human or other animals).

Puppy Schools are available at most Vets and some of the larger pet stores and dog training groups. These are set up with young and not fully vaccinated pups in mind. Taking pup to a well established and thoroughly disinfected space to meet other pups is advised. Please ask these schools what disease preventatives they use as most diseases that effect young pups are brought in via shoes. F10 is the Veterinary Grade disinfectant used by all Vets and most breeders (including Pegasus Stud) and should be used to clean floors and hard surfaces at puppy schools as well.

Since COVID lockdowns we went online to learn how to train our dogs. We highly recommend Susan Garrets online program "Dogs That" as a great place to start training your pup at home.

WHAT TO FEED PUPPY

Your puppy pack includes the food that puppy has been weaned onto. You will have gotten a premium brand dry food suitable for the breed and size puppy you have.

This brand of food requires it be soaked before feeding. It will end up looking like solid rice bubbles when ready. DO NOT FEED this brand with out soaking first. You can make up enough for a day or two and keep in the fridge.

At meal times we mix a spoonful of tinned food with some water and make a gravy then add a couple of spoonfuls of the rehydrated kibble and mix together. You can also add some mashed boiled egg or natural (unflavoured or sweetened) yoghurt to their food.

We very rarely feed dry food straight from the bag, however if its easier for you and your lifestyle you can purchase another quality puppy food and slowly add it to their meals to swap it over. If you do choose to feed just dry food make sure your puppy/dog has a full bowl of water at all times to prevent constipation and dehydration.

Here we like to still soak our dogs dry food in home made bone broth, or mix in a tin of sardines or tuna (oil included) or a big spoonful of plain minced meat (take it out from your meal before you add in anything else for your cooking) and mix it through to make a super yummy healthy meal.

If you choose to change brands of food please read the ingredients and ask if you would eat that. Cheaper food usually results in lots of health and skin issues. A premium Aussie made dog food will always be a healthier option. We feed all our dogs the Meals for Mutts Australian made brand of dried dog food, Advance Puppy Food and Eureka Air Dried food for their treats along with feeding raw meat and bones.



MEATY BONES AND CHICKEN WINGS & NECKS

We are big fans of these, as are our dogs. Our dogs teeth are amazingly clean and gums very healthy. (We do not feed those shop bought teeth cleaning chews due to the ingredients and preservatives in them) A good bone to chew gives them something to do and chew on during the day. It provides them with nutrition and bone building vitamins and minerals. And for teething pups it gives them something to help with the eruption of those teeth and tender gums. Pups Love to Chew !

For young pups please supervise them when chewing bones so they don't choke. Don't worry if the meaty bone looks huge for pup, they will love to chew it and there is less chance of them choking.

With chicken wings (chicken nibbles are already chopped up chicken wings and are good for small pups and dogs) and chicken necks we hold onto them for our pups to chew, to prevent them taking large bites and choking. This provides you with a training opportunity that has future benefits. With your puppy used to you holding onto and being in possession of the bone whilst they chew it down (watch your fingers) it trains them to be respectful of you taking things from their mouth. So if in future they are eating something they shouldn't, or have something caught in their mouth or throat, you and they are used to you handing their mouth and jaw and are able to remove the object from their mouth without them getting possessive.

DO NOT LET CHILDREN HOLD THE BONE FOR YOUR DOG WHILST IT EATS.

This is for adults only ! And wash your hands thoroughly afterwards.

Once pup reaches maturity you can leave them a nice big meaty bone to chew on during the day whilst you are out at work and school.

WE **DO NOT** RECOMMEND DRIED PIGS EARS OR RAWHIDE TOYS AND CHEWS, AS CHUNKS CAN BREAK OFF AND GET CAUGHT IN DOGS THROATS CAUSING THEM TO CHOKE
Also many of those products come from overseas and are sprayed with harmful chemicals.

We are huge fans of Antler and Goat Horns for a nice clean and healthy dog chew that wont stink up the house as well.

NEVER FEED COOKED BONES TO YOUR DOG AS THEY CAN SPLINTER AND GET CAUGHT IN THIER THROAT OR INTESTINES. - only feed raw bones

TREATS

We treat our dogs with chunks of meat cut to small size that are left over from our roast meats like, chicken, pork, lamb and beef. Also small bits of cooked sweet potato or boiled egg are popular. You can have a small bowl in the fridge with some of these for quick treats when training pup inside. Just make a bit extra for your dog when cooking for your family, cool and cut up to size and then pop into small bags and freeze. You can take a bag out each day (or as required) for healthy ready to go treats for pup. Remember for dogs do not add salt or other additives like spices, sauces or rubs etc, just plain cooked meat.

Our pups love boiled egg, just chop it into halves or quarters for the little ones.

For shop bought treats that are also great to use for training we suggest, Eureka, Providor or Ziwi Peak air dried dog food. They are very tasty, easy and non-messy to have in your pocket or pouch for training treats. Great for training outdoors and at Puppy/Dog School.

Just remember to include these treats into your dogs daily food allocation, otherwise pup can get overweight quickly if you over feed them.

GROOMING

We love our long haired non shedding Yorkies, Yorkie crosses and 'Doodles', they have the most amazing luxurious coats. However being a non shedding dog, means that hair just keeps growing and your pup (dog) will need regular hair cuts to keep it neat and tidy and un matted

Daily brushing and maintenance is required to keep those coats from matting. Once a section of hair is matted it usually needs to be cut out. Behind the ears is an area of particular attention and should be kept short.

I find it easier to groom and clip my own dogs here and have learnt to do this by watching Youtube videos and just learning 'on the job'. If I make a mistake, well hey, it grows back. Because Doodles coats are wavy or curly it hides most mistakes, but it wont take you long to figure out how to do it and what style suits your dog best.

Our dogs love a short cut for summer anyway, as will yours and its easier to groom. But also great for spotting ticks as they can be very dangerous for your dog.

If you choose to use a professional groomer we recommend using a mobile one that comes to your house, especially for pups first few grooms and clips, as it can be quite upsetting to just be 'dropped off' at a strange location and washed, blow dried and clipped by a stranger. You wouldn't do it with a toddler so why do it to your pup. Set them up for a success with the groomer by being there with treats so it becomes an enjoyable experience for them.

Some mandatory grooming equipment you will need at home is

Slicker or wire brush

Wide tooth comb

Blunt tipped scissors (for trimming faces and keeping hair out of eyes)

Thinning scissors (for a quick tidy up and cutting out matts and doesn't leave straight 'cut lines')

Nail clippers

Shampoo and Conditioner (we love Fuzzyard products, they smell divine)

Detangling spray - the longer your dogs coat the more you will need this.

PET INSURANCE

As part of your puppy pack you will get 6 weeks free pet insurance with Pet Cover. The paperwork for this will be with pups vaccination certificate.

However, with waiting periods it takes 3 days before they will cover pup for an accident and 7 days for illness. So be very careful with your precious little one.

This will give you time to decide if you wish to continue with Pet Insurance or put aside money each week for those emergency vet bills.

ENJOY YOUR NEW FAMILY MEMBER AND WE HOPE YOU HAVE A LIFETIME OF FUN, LOVE AND HAPPINESS WITH YOUR NEW PUPPY