

# **-Riverside Goldendoodles- After Adoption Care Guide**



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We are so happy to have matched you with a Riverside Goldendoodle and hope to make this transition as seamless as possible for you. Bringing any new pet into your family can be a big undertaking, but especially when they are young and just now venturing into the world. The next few weeks will be an adjustment for everyone, but we are here to give advice whenever needed. There will probably be a few muddy paw prints, house training accidents, and chewed up slippers along the way, but we promise that it will all be worth it!

We love our dogs more than anything in the world, and can't wait for you to have that same relationship with your pup, too.



# Veterinary Care

Establishing a veterinarian for your puppy before bringing them home is incredibly important. We administer the first round of vaccinations at six weeks old, but they will be due their second round of vaccinations at ten to twelve weeks of age. Finding a vet that is close to your home and available for regular appointments is crucial to keeping your pup happy and healthy!

Things to look for in a veterinarian:

1. Good reviews from your friends, family, and other patients
2. Someone friendly that doesn't mind answering lots of questions
3. Similar pet care philosophies
4. Care plans that make the first year of your puppy's health care more affordable
5. Hours of operation that work with your schedule

Puppy's Age	Recommended Vaccinations	Optional Vaccinations
6 – 8 weeks	Distemper, parainfluenza	Bordetella
10 – 12 weeks	DHPP (vaccines for distemper, adenovirus [hepatitis], parainfluenza, and parvovirus)	Coronavirus, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Lyme disease
12 – 24 weeks	Rabies	none
14 – 16 weeks	DHPP	Coronavirus, Lyme disease, Leptospirosis
12 – 16 months	Rabies, DHPP	Coronavirus, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Lyme disease
Every 1 – 2 years	DHPP	Coronavirus, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Lyme disease
Every 1 – 3 years	Rabies (as required by law)	none

# Puppy Food

Choosing what to feed your puppy once they come home with you can feel like a very daunting task. The most important thing to keep in mind is that your dog's food should be specific for their age and size. Large-breed puppy food is lower in fat and calories, and slows down the rate of growth in the adolescent phase. This helps keep large dogs from developing bone and joint issues in adulthood. You should also be careful not to fall into diet-plan fads like the grain-free trend. While some dogs with allergies do need to avoid certain ingredients, most dogs actually require a healthy amount of grains in their diet.

When your puppy goes home with you, they will need to slowly transition from their old food to the new one, as to avoid upsetting their stomach. We will include a small sample of their current kibble in your adoption bag in order to help with that switch. Please also follow the feeding instructions on the bag, as overeating can be detrimental to their health.

# The First Night

The first few nights with your puppy are particularly important, as they set the routine for your pup. We recommend taking them out to go potty one last time right before sleeping. This will be their first time away from their mama and siblings, so make sure that their bed or crate is situated close enough for them to see you throughout the night. You may find a small circle gate placed around their bed to be helpful, if you have decided not to crate train.

Our puppies are trained to sleep with all of the lights turned off, so they should calm down and fall asleep fairly quickly. If they start to whine, feel free to talk and reassure them, but resist picking them up or taking them out of their crate. Most puppies wake around 6am needing a quick potty break, but should go back to sleep for another hour or two once returned to their bed. It is important to remember that routines are best set from the very beginning.



# House Training

We do our absolute best to establish good house-training behaviors in our puppies from the start! Our whelping boxes have separate areas for sleeping and pottyng, and once they are started on solid food, we begin taking trips outside directly after meals. Once your puppy is home with you, take them out every hour or two for the first week. When walking out of the house, use important key words like “outside” or “potty” or ring a set of bells on the door. As soon as they pee in their area of the yard, shower them with praise and treats. Watch out for signals like circling or sniffing around, and immediately rush them outside even if they have already started to pee inside.

It usually only takes a week or two for your puppy to get the hang of things, but remember that it takes patience and consistency! House training can be one of the most difficult parts of adopting a new puppy, but just try to remember that you will get through this phase and it will all be worth it in the end.

# Socialization

Our focus at Riverside Goldendoodles is raising calm, gentle, and well-socialized dogs. We spend one-on-one time with each puppy, giving them lots of love and attention, in order to get them used to being around other people and pets. Once your puppy has come home with you, slowly introduce new people to them in a calm and friendly manner. Avoid overwhelming them with large crowds right away, as it can ingrain a panicked and overly cautious reaction to new situations.

Also, make sure that you wait to visit dog parks or areas with lots of animals, until after your puppy has received all of their booster shots. Our family pets in our home have all been vaccinated and are safe for your puppy to interact with early on, but double check that your friends' and neighbors' pets are safe too!



# Behavioral Training

We are firm believers that the first six months of a puppy's life establish their personality and behavior. It is so crucial to train your dog from the very first day, in order to stop habits like biting, jumping, or barking from developing. Puppies are used to playing a little rough with their siblings, and need to know right away that they can't play with you in the same way. Studies have found that if you react to bites or nibbling with a high-pitched noise and a loud "OUCH", they will stop just as if their sibling had yelped. Immediate and consistent reactions to bad behaviors is the best way to encourage good behaviors. We recommend beginning to teach simple commands like sit, lay down, and stay, starting at about two months of age. Puppies have short attention spans, so keep your training sessions short and praise based.

# Tummy Troubles

Being in an entirely new environment, experiencing large amounts of excitement or stress, and changing foods too quickly, all can lead to your puppy experiencing an upset stomach and diarrhea. As long as your pup seems to be in good spirits still, their symptoms are mild, and there are no signs of them ingesting anything they shouldn't have, then there is usually no cause for concern.

We recommend trying a few at-home remedies that have always done the trick for us! Start with simplifying their diet by feeding bland foods such as shredded chicken, soft rice, pumpkin puree, or plain yogurt. Be sure to provide lots of fresh water in order to avoid dehydration, and do your best to keep them calm and enclosed within your home/yard. If the problem persists for more than a few days, contact your veterinarian about what your next steps should be.

# Spay and Neuter Timeline

We are advocates for waiting to spay/neuter your puppy until they are at least one year of age. We want everyone to be safe and responsible when it comes to their dog's health, however there are benefits to waiting until their body has fully matured before introducing such an intense hormonal change. We encourage you to do your own research, as well as ask your veterinarian what the pros and cons of delayed spaying and neutering can bring. There is no right or wrong answer, only what works best for you and your family!

We do not have a spay/neuter contract in place for any of our puppies. We trust you to keep their well-being in mind and to reach out to us if you ever have any questions.

# Grooming

Once you bring a Goldendoodle into your life, grooming is going to become a very important part of your daily routine. Many of our customers express their desire for a “teddy bear Goldendoodle” without realizing the amount of work that is required to keep your dog’s hair long, shaggy, and free of mats.

We follow Golden Doodle Doos “Guide to Complete Home Grooming” and we encourage all of our customers to visit their website and purchase a set of video tutorials for themselves, too.

Our goal is to avoid the inevitable close-crop shave that happens when Doodle owners get tired of fighting with knots and mats in their dog’s hair. Once you know the correct way to brush out your Goldendoodle’s fur and how to give simple trims between trips to the groomer, maintaining a teddy bear style will seem much more manageable!

Find more information at:

[goldendoodledoos.com](http://goldendoodledoos.com)

# NEW PUPPY SHOPPING LIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adjustable Collar         | <input type="checkbox"/> Slicker Brush              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engraved Name Tag         | <input type="checkbox"/> Grooming Scissors          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Step-In Harness           | <input type="checkbox"/> Nail Trimmers              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6' Flexible Leash         | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Tooth Brush and Paste  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Seatbelt for the Car  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ear Cleaning Drops         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crate (if Crate Training) | <input type="checkbox"/> Chew Toys                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Bed                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Treat Dispensing Ball      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Puppy Food                | <input type="checkbox"/> Fetch Balls                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Storage Bin for Food      | <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffing-Free Toys         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food and Water Bowls      | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Pick-Up Bags         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Training Treats           | <input type="checkbox"/> Potty Pads                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teething Ring Chews       | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpet Cleaner             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bully Sticks              | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Towels               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Puppy Shampoo             | <input type="checkbox"/> House Training Door Bells  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Towels                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet First Aid Kit          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long-Toothed Steel Comb   | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Gates for the House |



## ALCOHOL



COMA  
DEATH  
INTOXICATION

## AVOCADO



CONTAINS PERSIN:  
VOMITING  
DIARRHEA

## RAISINS CURRANTS



KIDNEY  
FAILURE

## COOKED BONES



STOMACH  
LACERATIONS

## WALNUTS MACADAMIAS



NERVOUS SYSTEM  
AND MUSCLE  
DAMAGE

## ONIONS GARLIC



BLOOD CELL  
DAMAGE  
ANEMIA

## DAIRY



TOO MUCH:  
DIARRHEA

*the world's*  
MOST

# DANGEROUS FOODS

FOR DOGS

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## GRAPES



KIDNEY FAILURE

## MUSHROOMS



SOME VARIETIES:  
SHOCK  
DEATH

## FATTY FOODS



TOO MUCH:  
PANCREATITIS

## CAFFEINE



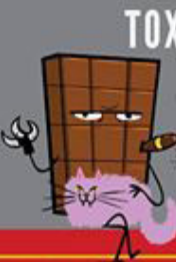
VOMITING  
DIARRHEA  
TOXIC TO HEART & NERVOUS SYSTEM

## XYLITOL



(GUM, CANDY ETC.)  
LIVER FAILURE  
HYPOGLYCEMIA  
DEATH

## CHOCOLATE



TOXIC TO HEART  
& NERVOUS  
SYSTEM  
DEATH

## MEDICATIONS

(TYLENOL, ADVIL ETC.)



KIDNEY  
FAILURE  
GI ULCERS

If you think your dog ate something dangerous,  
CALL YOUR VET or:

ASPCA POISON CONTROL HOTLINE (888) 426-4435

NATIONAL PET POISON HELPLINE (800) 213-6680

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## Send Us Pictures

We absolutely love to receive photos of our pups outside in the world and with their new families. So if you snap a good picture, please send it to us over text or email! We can't wait to watch your puppy grow up.

