

Hacks for the New Shih Tzu Puppy Owner from my Websites

I have several dog related sites and try hard not to duplicate material from one to another, so if you can't find an answer to your question, visit my other website at <http://smalldogplace.com> and don't forget to follow both on Facebook.

1. Bringing Puppy home is an enjoyable experience but keep it low keyed and do not expect an evening or night made in heaven. Your puppy is going to be stressed even if it is the "good" kind of stress so limit visitors and activities. He or she may also give you a hard time by not sleeping well or crying.

Sleep Problems: <http://www.smalldogplace.com/sleeping-puppies.html>

Bringing Puppy Home: <http://www.miracleshihizu.com/puppys-first-night.html>

2. Feed three times a day if possible or keep food out at all times if you can't. Shih Tzu pups are prone to hypoglycemia, and you don't want that to happen. Keep a little Karo syrup on hand just in case.

Read: <http://www.miracleshihizu.com/hypoglycemia.html>

3. Water should be offered all the time. You may want to mix some bottled water with your tap water to get your puppy used to the new taste of your water. At Miracle Shih Tzu, they drink well water.
4. Feed the Life's Abundance sample provided for you and gradually shift to the food you prefer or order more Life's Abundance. The product we use is high in protein and grain free. I think this grain-free dog food is the best choice for a Shih Tzu dog.

Read My Review: <http://www.smalldogplace.com/lifes-abundance-dog-food.html> or go directly to their page to purchase the product. Buy only enough of the product that you think you will use in one month's time to assure the freshest product. I do earn a little commission that I use to offset the cost of the food I purchase for my dogs and the puppies here. <http://www.lifesabundance.com/PetHealth>

Note that at Miracle Shih Tzu, I do prefer the grain free version. However the other is fine too.

5. Don't worry if your puppy does not eat much at any one time. They have tiny stomachs that can't hold more than about 1/8 to 1/4 cup at any one time.
6. I like NuVet Plus which is not only a vitamin but also improves the immune system. A healthy immune system will fight off all those little bacteria, viruses, and other disease-causing agents to keep your puppy healthy.

Read: <http://www.miracleshihizu.com/nuvet-plus.html> If you do decide to purchase this, my code is: **24352**. I do get a small commission that helps me buy more of this product for my dogs and all the puppies I raise.

7. Grooming: Puppies don't require a lot of grooming, but I recommend that you spend a little time each day brushing, combing or just plain playing with ears, tails, legs and paws, so the puppy gets used to being touched.

<http://www.smalldogplace.com/training-a-puppy-for-grooming.html>

8. Keep your puppy clean also means checking him for little seeds, etc. that get stuck in his paw pads and dried fecal matter around his anus. This area needs to be frequently checked because if the puppy ends up with the caked fecal matter, he may not be able to defecate leading to more problems.

9. Some puppies will try to eat their own stool. While this is not necessarily a bad situation, you will want to discourage it by teaching the word "leave it" and cleaning up after the puppy immediately.

Read: <http://www.miracleshiehtzu.com/dog-eating-feces.html>

10. Your puppy has been wormed for all the common intestinal parasites including giardia and coccidia. We don't worm for tapeworms as the only way a puppy gets these is through fleas. We cannot eliminate coccidia entirely with the drug we use called Albon. You will still want to take a fecal sample to your vets to have them evaluate him for worms.

Read: <http://www.miracleshiehtzu.com/dog-worms.html>

11. Start training when you get home, and that also includes socialization. The old school method was to wait until the puppy was fully vaccinated before introducing him to the world. We now know that we miss a critical window of opportunity by waiting. This does not mean overwhelming him though. If you see that he is showing signs of stress remove him from the situation and try another day.

Read: <http://www.smalldogplace.com/diy-dog-training-tips.html>

12. Your puppy will need some basic supplies, but you don't need to purchase all at once. Read:

<http://www.miracleshiehtzu.com/shih-tzu-supplies.html>

13. Understand what your puppy is trying to tell you. Once you understand their body language you are way ahead of the curve. Learning a foreign language is not easy, but dogs do tend to make it a little easier for us.

Read: <http://www.smalldogplace.com/puppy-behavior.html>

If you can't find what you are looking for, please <http://www.miracleshiehtzu.com/contact-us.html>

Enjoy that puppy, and please keep in contact. I love to hear from all my puppy buyers with great news, questions and concerns.