

Riverwind Shilohs Nutrition and Socialization Guidelines and Agreement

The way your puppy matures both physically and mentally is a result of his/her diet and environment. With this in mind a great deal of study and research has been undertaken by Shiloh Shepherd Breeders to help the new owner insure their puppy will reach his/her full genetic potential. We encourage you to follow these guidelines in feeding and socializing your Shiloh Shepherd.

- a) Feed Puppy 3 times a day until he/she reaches 9 months of age, then feed him/her no less than 2 times a day for his/her life.
- b) NEVER use a chemically preserved Dog Food, and only feed Puppy a naturally preserved Kibble. The following are foods are recommended because of the quality of ingredients: (1) Orijen, (2) Blackwood, (3) Blue Buffalo (4) California Natural, (5) Canidae, (6) Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul, (7) Diamond Professional, (8) Eagle (large breed Puppy or Holistic), (9) Back To Basics, (10) Flint River Ranch, (11) Fromms 4 Star Dry, (12) Healthwise, (13) Innova EVO, (14) Karma Organic Food for Dogs, (15) Maximum Nutrition Growth Formula, (16) Merrick Pet Foods, (17) Natural Balance Ultra Premium, (18) Natural Choice Ultra, (19) Natural Life, (20) Natures Recipe Working Dog Formula, (21) Nature's Variety Prairie, (22) PHD, (23) Pinnacle, (24) Precise Plus, (25) Pro Plan, (26) Regal, (27) Royal Canin Natural Blend, (28) Timberwolf Organics, (29) Wellness, and (30) Wysong, Check this website for dog food reviews : <http://www.consumersearch.com/dog-food>
- c) Switch from Puppy food to Adult food at or around six months of age as it is important to slow down the growth of our large breed puppies.
- d) Supplements: It is important to give **Flexicose** or a similar supplement (glucosamine and chondroitin and MSM) to facilitate joint development. It is excellent, affordable, and is necessary, especially for growing stages of large breed Dogs. **Flexicose** can be ordered at: <http://www.flexicose.com> , phone # 866-486-0421. Another supplement, **Missing Link**, helps build the developing immune system. It can be ordered from Care A Lot Pet Supply, phone# 800-343-7680, <http://www.carealotpets.com>. Note: Give Missing Link once your puppy has firm stools. If firm stools continue after a few days, add in Flexicose. If loose stools develop with either product, wait to give until their GI system is more completely developed. Give according to label instructions. Also, if you can't afford a high grade kibble (such as Orijen) and these two supplements, then invest solely in the kibble. If you can only afford one supplement, use Flexicose.
- e) Visit <http://greatdanelady.com/> to obtain valuable information about Puppy's care and feeding program.

- f) Never give Puppy tomatoes, grapes, or raisins. Carrots or apples make a very natural and nutritious chew toy. Grapes and raisins can cause kidney failure.
- g) Limit the fat in Puppy's diet. Fat is very detrimental to dogs and can lead to mild EPI and other problems.
- h) NEVER give Puppy any kind of grease (especially bacon), raw egg whites, pork, small cut beef bones, any cooked bones (cooking is what makes bones brittle and can choke and cause other serious damage to your Puppy), or chocolate, or sugary or starchy foods.
- i) Provide Puppy with a supply of fresh water at all times, and do not give any other beverage without consulting Breeder first.
- j) **Take Puppy to Puppy obedience as soon as possible and try to get in as many training classes as possible for the first year of his/her life.** This can be a great bonding experience for the Puppy and the entire family if everyone attends together. Plus, it helps with consistency of teaching the Puppy and the Puppy will learn much faster if everyone implements the same training techniques and commands. It also helps with the socialization of the Puppy to be in training classes with other puppies.
- k) **In addition to Puppy obedience and subsequent training classes, take Puppy on frequent outings where Puppy will be exposed to other people, animals, and situations. Begin this as soon as taking possession of Puppy and Puppy is settled in (after last set of vaccination shots).** Understand that failure to give the Puppy this exposure could result in shyness, or damage his/her ability to socialize properly with people as well as other animals.
- l) **Continue proper socialization as the Puppy gets older through, participation in shows, obedience classes, and/or continued outings in public places (parks, the mall, etc.).** Also, become educated regarding the various aspects involved in this Puppy's inherited behavior traits, so that you can help him to attain his full potential.
- m) Do not be neglectful or over protective of the Puppy and share him/her with others, as it will make a well adjusted citizen out of him/her.
- n) Bloat or Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus is a very serious health risk for deep chested dogs, such as Shilohs. Be aware of the signs and symptoms of bloat. Check www.globalspan.net/bloat for some of the best information on the topic. Follow the suggestions listed to prevent bloat from ever happening to your Shiloh.

I/We _____ (printed name) hereby agree to abide and follow the guidelines for my puppy's feeding and socialization program for its entire life. I understand the importance of these strict guidelines for the proper development of my Shiloh Shepherd. I agree to keep my dog in ultimate condition by following my vets care & vaccination guidelines as well as this socialization and nutrition program.

Signature:

_____ Date: _____

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