

NATIVE CORGIS  
PUPPY GO HOME DAY DOCUMENT

# Vet Information

## Deworming and Shot Schedule

AGE	Deworming	Shots
2 weeks old	Deworm (Pyrantel or Valbazen Typically)	
4 weeks old (1 Month)	Deworm (Pyrantel or Valbazen Typically)	Neopar
6 weeks old	Deworm (Valbazen Typically) Toltrazuril	
8 weeks old (2 Months)	Deworm (Valbazen Typically) Toltrazuril	Dappv Microchip- If not already done
10 Weeks Old	Deworm	
12 Weeks Old (3 Months)	Deworm	Dappv If not already done- microchip
16 Weeks Old (4 Months)	Deworm	Dappv, Bordetella, & rabies
5 Months old	Deworm	
6 months old	Deworm	
1 year old +	Deworm at one year and then every 6 months or as needed	Booster vaccines

\*\*\*Dappv is a 5-way vaccine and covers the core vaccinations. Discuss with your vet if your area or lifestyle requires additional vaccinations. Also discuss with your vet about heartworm and flea and tick prevention as well. I prefer heartgard and Bravecto.

# Diet and Supplements

## Feeding Your Puppy:

Your puppy is eating **PawTree** dog food (not grain free). We will either tell you what recipe your puppy's litter is being raised on (we rotate recipes) OR we will provide you with enough food to transition to any of the formulas/recipes you choose from PawTree. We have formulated a recipe for our dogs and puppies, our litters are used to eating this and will transition well when fed this recipe. People are always amazed at how great body condition our dogs are in as well as their incredibly shiny coats, it truly helps decrease shedding as well.

**Native Corgis Dog Food Recipe:** (all our dogs and litters are fed with this recipe)

- PawTree dog food

- Soak food in PawTree's pawPairings bone broth (this is essential, kibble is designed to be rehydrated, if not rehydrated your dog will be constantly dehydrated)

- 1 spoonful of canned food is plenty per feeding (we use Life's Abundance Pork and Venison)

- Fish oil- if you want to really reduce shedding as much as possible, do not skip out on PawTree's Salmon Oil, it's known as liquid gold in the doggy world

- NuJoint

- NuVet

\*\*\*\*Puppies with ears down or not strong ears should be given a calcium supplement or add cottage cheese to each feeding to help strengthen their ears.

If your dog gets an upset stomach at any time, add dehydrated pumpkin and PawTree's Gastro Pro Plus until things improve.

They have been used to eating this food recipe but because of the stress of leaving their mom, they may not eat as well as they have here. They can also get diarrhea during this time. If it persists, you can add dehydrated pumpkin (supplies page) to the food and/or PawTree's Gastro Pro Plus. The pumpkin adds fiber and helps firm up the stools.

### Feeding Schedule:

#### 6-12 Weeks:

Feed 3 times a day. Morning, noon, and 5-7 pm. After 5-10 minutes, take up what's left. The goal is to put just enough food in the bowl that they can finish. Feeding this way allows them to adjust the amount they eat as they are growing. Start with  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of food at each feeding and then adjust accordingly.

#### 3 months old – 1 year old:

Feed 2 times a day. Morning and 5-7 pm. Feed based on weight. Take the total amount the dog food bag recommends and divide it up into the two meals. The dog food bag should be able to show you the recommended amount based on their weight. Again, after 5-10 minutes take up what they did not eat.

#### 1 year:

They can be switched to eating 1 time a day if needed but we prefer and some of our dogs require their meals to be split into two feedings. I prefer to split their total amount of food a day into two and feed breakfast and dinner.

Corgis are prone to becoming fat. This is usually caused by over feeding and low exercise. If this seems to become an issue, make sure you are feeding a food with lower fat and protein percentages and lower the daily feeding amount. Increasing exercise will go a long way as well. Corgis are a herding breed and are capable of being very active. Do not leave out unlimited food 24/7. This is not an appropriate way to feed a dog.

Overweight dogs are prone to hip dysplasia, back problems, and a significantly shortened life. If you wish to read a good article as well as some good pictures to compare, checkout

<https://www.littlecooperbear.com/hound/2017/11/4/the-corgi-truth-weight-matters>

### **Treats and Chews:**

Dog treats and chews are CONSTANTLY being recalled. There are so many deaths resulting from bad treats and chews. We are very cautious and buy our dog treats and chews from PawTree, we know their products are carefully made. For bones and chews, we buy the raw bones listed on our supplies page as well as the bully sticks listed and the yak chews. If this is not an option be very careful about which bones and chews you buy. We do not suggest cooked bones, we sometimes send home one cooked bone with our puppies because we cannot send home raw bones but it is not a good long term option (can damage teeth over time-raw bones are easier on teeth).

We make our own training treats by using our current dog food with PawTree's pawPairings seasoning on it. Your puppy has been introduced to this and has been using these during training.

Other Things to Consider:

There are a lot more things that can be added and tailored to each dog's diet. If you have any issues related to diet, allergies, shedding, anxiety, UTIs (common in corgis due to their low stance), tear stains, etc. PLEASE contact me. I have come up with many solutions to all these issues that WORK.

# PawTree



After many, many years of research and testing dog foods we have found our most favorite dog food yet. Not only is the food wonderful but the company and their customer service is not matched anywhere else.

PawTree is not sold in stores. They make their food in small batches and send it directly to your door. This also keeps your pet from eating food that has been sitting on warehouse shelves for years in the heat (yes, the dog food you buy in stores sit on shelves for that long). PawTree also has not had any recalls on their pet foods.

We require all our puppy buyers to continue feeding PawTree's Dog food. It is a great diet for corgis and is balanced for proper growth. We have seen many other diets contribute to improper growth which also leads to joint and bone problems not only later in their life but even in young dogs.

Puppy buyers are encouraged to sign up for EZship. This will save you a lot of money, but also will allow you to forget about it until it arrives at your door. To set up an EZship order, please check out the following page. All first-time customers should use the code **INTRO4U** to get 20% off up to \$20. Also do not forget to check out their health and wellness stuff, treats, chews, and other pet products.

# PawTree EZ ship

EZship is highly encouraged for all our customers. It is a great opportunity for puppy clients to save money on shipping, get product discounts, and earn points towards free toys. We utilize EZship because there is absolutely no reason not too!

How to setup:

1. Pick out your dog's food and select create EZship
2. Pick out at least 3 other items (cannot be dry dog food). We use their salmon oil, bone broth, and pawPairings Seasoning every day in our Native Corgis Dog Food Recipe so those 3 items are what we normally pick, if not more.
3. Once you have added everything you need in your cart proceed to checkout. You now have free shipping and discounted products.
4. At checkout you can adjust your EZ Ship frequency to whatever time frame you need. This can be adjusted later.

Once you setup EZship, it is essential to never cancel it but only to edit it. With each EZship you get, you will earn points for free toys. If you cancel it, you will be losing your free points. You can add and edit items as needed as well as adjust frequency later as well.





NuVet Labs has been helping pets thrive since 1997 by manufacturing the highest quality pet supplements available.

Every puppy is born with an immature immune system that is constantly challenged by the stress of a new home, separation from their mother, and exposure to bacteria in an unfamiliar environment. NuVet Plus is a superior immune system support supplement that provides everything your new puppy needs to grow into a healthy adult!

- Strengthens the immune system
- You can use NuVet Plus wafers as a **treat replacement!**
- Supports internal systems (Cardiovascular, Digestive, and more)

**Help keep your new family member healthy for only .52 cents a day!**

### NuVet Labs Autoship Program\*

1. Receive a **15% discount** off every order of NuVet Plus
2. You choose how often you want to receive
3. Make changes or cancel at any time, for any reason with no fees

#### NuVet Plus Dog Wafers:

3 Month Supply – (90ct serving of NuVet Plus wafers = **\$47.15** (\$8.35 savings)

\*That's **only .52 cents per day**

#### NuVet Plus Dog Powder:

3 Month Supply – (90ct serving of NuVet Plus powder = **\$49.65** (\$10.85 savings)

\*That's **only .55 cents per day**

If ordering for the first time, you can order through the Native Corgis Website on our “Preparing to Bring Home Your Puppy” Page OR the Supplies Page, or call (800) 474-7044 and use order code **793757** or order online at [www.nuvet.com/793757](http://www.nuvet.com/793757)



## **Why I Recommend NuJoint and NuJointDS**

Just like humans, pets are susceptible to joint problems that cause stiffness, discomfort, and poor mobility. Due to wear and tear, joint problems are more common in older pets, but younger pets can experience joint problems as well. In fact, joint issues can affect a pet at any age.

NuJoint and NuJoint DS are natural joint supplements that are safe for pets of all ages and breeds. They contain the highest quality, natural human-grade ingredients available. Made in the USA and manufactured in an FDA-registered human pharmaceutical laboratory, NuJoint and NuJoint DS are cold processed to maintain the rich nutrients of their ingredients and ensure superior bioavailability so that your pet's body can absorb the maximum amount of nutrients available.

## **NuJoint & NuJoint DS Contain the Highest Quality Human Grade Ingredients**

NuJoint and NuJoint DS contain several ingredients that help improve joint health, including MSM (Methylsulfonylmethane), glucosamine, Chondroitin, and vitamin C. The DS in NuJoint DS stands for "double strength," which means this pet supplement contains more of the active ingredients that help your pet feel better.

The ingredients work synergistically to support optimal hip and joint health in pets by helping

- Rebuild cartilage
- Improve mobility and flexibility
- Strengthen hips
- Lubricate joints for fluid movement

Cartilage connects bones together to form a joint. Cartilage can break down and cause joint friction, stiffness, and discomfort. Chondroitin and glucosamine sulfate are naturally-occurring substances in the fluid that normally surrounds the joints and supports the cartilage.

Supplements containing glucosamine and chondroitin support and help rebuild healthy cartilage. MSM helps reduce the rigidity of cells allowing for fluids to pass through more freely.

NuJoint DS also contains Vitamin C (Ester-C®), essential for the synthesis of collagen, a major component of connective tissue. In a way, collagen is the "glue" that holds the body together. Collagen is present in every joint in your pet's body; it provides padding and support for movement.

Adding NuJoint or NuJoint DS to your pet's nutritional regimen will help improve their quality of life. Additional information may be found on the NuVet Labs [www.nuvet.com/793757](http://www.nuvet.com/793757)

# Training Information



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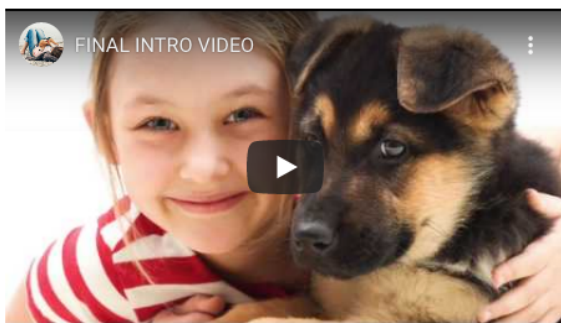
**BAXTER & Bella – The Online Puppy School Introductory Video (Length 4:33)**

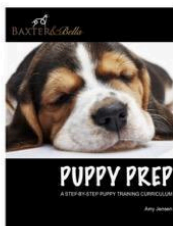
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• **All About BAXTER & Bella's Online Puppy School (Length 19:20)**

<https://youtu.be/UxK3MJJ09Ps>





## PUPPY PREP - The Online Puppy School!

Our easy-to-use and fun-to-follow training curriculum is as much about teaching your dog how to act, as it is about coaching you how to train. It includes more than 65 lessons and over 100 how-to video demonstrations, in addition to printable charts & checklists, tips, tricks, tools & techniques and so much more - especially when complimented with the other included resources highlighted below!

### OTHER SUPPORTING MEMBERS ONLY RESOURCES



**LIVE! OFFICE HOURS**  
 Talk LIVE! one-on-one with a professional trainer!



**LIVE! CLASSES**  
 Regular LIVE! online puppy classes!



**ASK THE TRAINER**  
 Have a specific question? Go ahead, ask the trainer!



**THE PUPPY PODCAST**  
 Listen in on our regular puppy parenting podcast!



**All the resources you will need, including trainers to assist you every step of the way!**



**PAWSFIT**  
 Games, fieldtrips and other great activities!



**PUPPY PARENT FORUM**  
 A place for you to share ideas with other puppy parents!



**VIDEO ARCHIVES**  
 A single location for all of our video demonstrations!



**RESOURCE LIBRARY**  
 Full of our favorite articles and information!

**BECOME A MEMBER TODAY AND BEGIN TRAINING IMMEDIATELY FROM THE COMFORT & CONVENIENCE OF YOUR OWN HOME WITH A LIFETIME OF SUPPORT FROM ALL OF US!**

*I highly recommend this training program! I love the practical tips and the 'learn at your pace' format. The combination of written information and the how-to videos is really nice. I also had a specific problem with my puppy and I contacted Amy - she was quick to respond with the thorough and personalized help I needed. LOVE IT!*







The **BAXTER & Bella online puppy school** is organized around its signature **PUPPY PREP** training program, which is as much about teaching your dog how to act, as it is about coaching you how to train!

Uniquely designed and strategically developed around the principles of Leadership, Housetraining, Manners, Obedience and Socialization, this step-by-step curriculum will teach you how to successfully integrate a family dog in a easy-to-use and fun-to-follow format! Inclusive of 75+ lesson plans, more than 100 how-to videos, tips, tricks, tools and techniques, printable charts & checklists, training games and activities, in addition to so much more as you and your canine companion work toward **"Becoming best friends through love and learning!"** and ultimately **"achieving better animal ownership and experiencing the very best in canine companionship!"**



### BREEDER EARLY START ACTIVITIES

Great puppy providers are **ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL** in helping a dog receive the very best beginning possible and leads toward healthiness and happiness - these outlined early start socialization activities are perfect for establishing the initial foundation a canine companion needs and it all begins with what is oftentimes a thankless job as a breeder!



### INTRODUCTION To Successful Dog Ownership!

The **INTRODUCTION UNIT** teaches new puppy parents, even before their canine companion arrives in their home, the basics of positive reinforcement dog training and while it is mostly reading, its purpose is to help establish that all important base-level understanding of the training tips, tricks, tools and techniques that will lead to success!



### PREPARATION For Successful Dog Ownership!

The **PREPARATION UNIT** outlines how to set up your house for optimal outcomes and helps you arrange the other important things necessary to get started in the right direction, including but certainly not limited to: shopping lists, curriculum charts & checklists, as well as the very popular **SURVIVAL GUIDE** - what you need to know **RIGHT NOW!**

• *Puppy Adoption... puppy enters forever home!*



### THE FIRST WEEK TOGETHER - WELCOME HOME!

Properly titled **THE FIRST WEEK TOGETHER**, this learning module focusses on how best to begin your training journey together, including but not limited to Building A Bond, Marker Training, Housetraining, Puppy Biting and much more!



### UNIT 1 - RECOGNIZE, REWARD & REINFORCE THE BASICS!

**UNIT 1** lessons concentrate on recognizing, rewarding and reinforcing good behavior, in addition to helping you establish a productive training routine! In short, it helps you understand dog training 101, coaches you how to lead and then properly begins teaching you the critical manners and cues your dog must know moving forward!



### UNIT 2 - ESTABLISHING A STRONG FOUNDATION!

**UNIT 2** is where you will concentrate lesson-by-lesson on fortifying your foundation, learning and teaching your new puppy the foundational commands of COME, OFF, DOWN and STAY among many others... this worthwhile and rewarding training will serve you and your canine companion well throughout your life together!



### UNIT 3 - JUST FOR FUN!

**UNIT 3**, also known as **OBEDIENCE BOOTCAMP**, adds additional common cues to those you already know and likewise introduces others you will want to learn, as well as mixing in a few cool tricks to the agenda just for fun!



### UNIT 4 - PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!

**UNIT 4** recognizes the importance of practice, patience and persistence, utilizing games and other strategic activities as an efficient and effective way to help strengthen and lengthen what you and your puppy have been learning!



### UNIT 5 - PUPPY PREPARED!

And **UNIT 5** is where you put the final touches on everything you have been working on, in addition to helping you manage for some of the more common adolescent dog challenges all the while you and your puppy mature into a lifelong friendship of healthy and happy canine companionship!

Admittedly, checking it off is half the fun - here's a chart to help track your progress each and every step of the way!



## **PARTICIPANT GUIDE - Getting Started!**

- Welcome to BAXTER & Bella's Online Puppy School!
- What's Included
- How It Works
- Where To Start



## **INTRODUCTION To Successful Dog Ownership!**

- What Breed and Which Pet Providers?
- Canines and Canine Companionship
- What you need to know about...
- Realistic Expectations
- Keeping It PAWSitive
- New Pet Parent Common Phases of Learning



## **PREPARATION For Successful Dog Ownership!**

- Getting Ready... Preparing For My Puppy
- New Puppy Shopping List
- Conducting A Family Meeting - A MUST HAVE!
- The Puppy Parent "SURVIVAL GUIDE"

### **PROGRAM PRINTABLES**

- Participant Guide, Charts, Checklists, PDFs and many other PRINTABLES to help you in your training journey!



## **THE FIRST WEEK TOGETHER - WELCOME HOME!**

- Building A Bond
- Socialization
- New Pet Introductions
- Housetraining
- Introducing The Crate
- Loading "YES!" and Teaching "OK"
- Sit To Say Please
- Puppy Biting and Jumping
- The Non-reward Marker Words "NO!" and "Uh-Uh"
- Kids & Puppies
- Patience & Impulse Control
- Resource Guarding Prevention



## **UNIT 1 - RECOGNIZE, REWARD & REINFORCE**

- 1.1 Dog Training 101
- 1.2 C.A.L.M
- 1.3 Successfully Using A Target Hand
- FIELD TRIP - Family and Friends
- 1.4 Modifying Behavior with Games & Activities
- 1.5 Introducing the "GO POTTY" Cue
- 1.6 Creating Drive and Attention
- FIELD TRIP - Pet Supply Store (CARRY YOUR PUPPY!)
- 1.7 "WATCH ME"
- 1.8 Putting "SIT" on Cue
- 1.9 Doorway Manners and "WAIT"
- FIELD TRIP - Doorbell Donut Day
- 1.10 "GENTLY"
- 1.11 Potty Bell Training
- 1.12 "BACK"
- FIELD TRIP - School Campus
- UNIT 1 EVALUATION



## **UNIT 2 - ESTABLISH A STRONG FOUNDATION**

- 2.1 "COME"
- 2.2 "OFF"
- 2.3 "DOWN"
- FIELD TRIP - Veterinary Office
- 2.4 "STAY"
- 2.5 "STAND"
- 2.6 "DROP IT" and The Rules of Tug!
- FIELD TRIP - Home Improvement Store
- 2.7 "SETTLE"
- 2.8 Leash Walking and "LET'S GO"
- 2.9 "HEEL"
- FIELD TRIP - Neighborhood Discovery



## **UNIT 3 - JUST FOR FUN**

- 3.1 "HERE"
- 3.2 "KISS" and "NO LICK"
- 3.3 "SPEAK" and "QUIET"
- FIELD TRIP - Bus or Train Station
- 3.4 "SHAKE"
- 3.5 "TURN"
- 3.6 "ROLL OVER"
- FIELD TRIP - Pet Supply Store
- 3.7 "HIGH FIVE"
- 3.8 "GET IT, BRING IT HERE, GIVE"
- 3.9 "FETCH"
- FIELD TRIP - An Outdoor Country Walk
- 3.10 "CATCH"
- 3.11 "SNUGGLE" and "HUG"
- 3.12 "FIND"
- FIELD TRIP - Airport and or Fireworks
- 3.13 "JUMP ON"
- 3.14 "OUT"
- 3.15 "FOLLOW"
- FIELD TRIP - A Busy Street and Intersection
- 3.16 "FIX"
- 3.17 "GET YOUR LEASH"
- 3.18 "TAKE IT TO..."
- FIELD TRIP - Parade and or The Fair
- UNIT 3 EVALUATION



## **UNIT 4 - PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT**

- 4.1 Training Games & Activities
- 4.2 "SIT-DOWN-STAND" Sequences
- 4.3 Resource Guarding and or Growling
- FIELD TRIP - A Pet-friendly Store
- 4.4 Proofing Behaviors With The 4Ds
- 4.5 Phasing Out Food Lures
- 4.6 Collar Holds
- FIELD TRIP - The Splash Pad
- 4.7 Off-leash Obedience
- 4.8 Housetraining Check-up
- FIELD TRIP - A Walk in the Woods
- 4.9 Leash Work and Practice
- 4.10 A Talent Show
- FIELD TRIP - An Elementary School
- UNIT 4 EVALUATION



## **UNIT 5 - PUPPY PREPARED**

- 5.1 Accepting Strangers
- 5.2 Walking In Crowds
- 5.3 Body Language
- FIELD TRIP - The Grooming Salon
- 5.4 The Power of Your Voice
- 5.5 Separation Anxiety
- FIELD TRIP - The Farmer's Market
- 5.6 Medical Issues
- 5.7 Grooming Your Pup
- FIELD TRIP - A Sporting Event
- 5.8 Digging and Chewing
- 5.9 Adolescence
- 5.10 Reactivity
- FINAL REVIEW - In Your Home
- FINAL REVIEW - At The Park
- PROGRAM FINAL EVALUATION!

**REMEMBER ALL OF THE OTHER GREAT SUPPORTING RESOURCES THAT ARE INCLUDED!**



LIVE! APPOINTMENTS



EVENTS, CLASSES & COURSES



ASK THE TRAINER



THE PUPPY TRAINING PODCAST



GAMES & ACTIVITIES



PET PARENT FORUMS



VIDEO ARCHIVES



RESOURCE LIBRARY



## INCLUDED OTHER SUPPORTING RESOURCES!

Included with your membership, our EVENTS, CLASSES & COURSES are the perfect educational compliment to our LESSONS & VIDEOS curriculum, and are designed to help you learn more and become better throughout your training journey... choose to join LIVE! or watch the recorded sessions on-demand!

### LIVE! and PREVIOUSLY-RECORDED Canine Coaching

#### EVENTS

Our GROUP Q&As are an opportunity to join with us (3) convenient times each week in order to ask us your questions and likewise learn from what other pet parents like you are asking about too - join with us, learn together and ENJOY!

##### WHEN: TUESDAYS

- 09:00 pm Eastern
- 08:00 pm Central
- 07:00 pm Mountain
- 06:00 pm Pacific

##### WHEN: THURSDAYS

- 03:00 pm Eastern
- 02:00 pm Central
- 01:00 pm Mountain
- 12:00 pm Pacific

##### WHEN: SATURDAYS

- 11:00 am Eastern
- 10:00 am Central
- 09:00 am Mountain
- 08:00 am Pacific



#### CLASSES

BAXTER & Bella upcoming and ongoing educational CLASSES are designed to help you and your dog with various topic-specific training needs in many of the most common canine categories!

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| - Getting Started Class            | - Body Language Class       |
| - Become The Trainer Class         | - "LEAVE IT" Class          |
| - Socialization Class              | - Leash Walking Class       |
| - Housetraining Class              | - Adolescence Class         |
| - Introducing The Crate Class      | - Mat Work or "PLACE" Class |
| - Puppy Biting Class               | - Losing The Lure Class     |
| - Kids & Puppies Class             | - Life Rewards Class        |
| - Patience & Impulse Control Class | - Boredom Busters Class     |
| - Resource Guarding Class          | - My Adult Dog Class        |

#### COURSES

Our BAXTER & Bella online COURSES are held on the same day each week for multiple weeks in a row, and are strategically organized in order to help you each and every step of way from getting started with your new puppy, managing and modifying behaviors, as well as learning what to do as your dog matures toward adulthood and how to not only prepare for, but likewise pass the AKC CGC Test!

##### MULTI-WEEK COURSES

- 6 Week Puppy Course
- 6 Week Games & Activities Course
- 6 Week Intermediate Dog Course
- 6 Week AKC Canine Good Citizen Test Prep Course



### TOP REASONS TO JOIN

#### LIFETIME SUPPORT

Support that lasts all throughout the life of your dog

#### INVOLVE THE WHOLE FAMILY

Tips and tools for bringing the whole family on this adventure

#### ASK THE TRAINER

Schedule 20 minute live calls with the creator and trainer

65+ STEP BY STEP  
LESSONS



OVER 100 HOW-TO  
VIDEOS



ONE-ON-ONE  
PROFESSIONAL  
HELP



ONLINE  
COACHING  
GROUPS



TRAINING GAMES,  
ACTIVITIES AND  
FIELD TRIPS



PRINTABLE  
CHARTS &  
CHECKLISTS



PET PARENT  
FORUM



ASK THE TRAINER  
FAQ'S



VIDEO ARCHIVES



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<https://www.BAXTERandBella.com/learn-more>

Watch the video to learn more and sign up using the discount code provided.





# Corgi Information

## What kind of dog is that?

**Pembroke Welsh Corgi** - The smaller corgi breed. Typically, is the breed that the general public knows about. Typically, they have no tail and have rounded but not as large of ears as cardigans. Standard colors are black and tan (Black tri), fawn, red, and sable. All with or without white. There is also a color called “Bluie” which is the Dilute version of a black tri.

**Cardigan Welsh Corgi** – The larger corgi breed. Most of the public does not realize there are more than one breed of corgis. Cardigans typically have tails and are bulkier. Cardigans have a lot more variety in their colors. They can come in black, blue merle, brindle, red, brindle merle, “bluie” or dilute, red merle, and sable merle, and liver. All of these colors can be with or without tan and or brindle points and with or without white.

**American Corgi** – This is the newest of all of the breeds. It is the cross of the Pembroke with the Cardigan. The goal is to have the best of both breeds. Cardigans tend to be very laid back and Pembrokes are known for having high energy. We strive to meet in the middle and create puppies that fit most family’s lifestyle. It has yet to be recognized by AKC, but like any breed they must start somewhere. As a breeder, it is important to me to not jeopardize the quality, health, and structure of the dog for color. American Corgis can come in black, blue merle (genetically is called a black merle), “bluie” (dilute) merle, brindle, fawn, sable, red, brindle merle, “bluie” or dilute, Liver merle, sable merle (most breeders are calling this red merle), and liver. All of these colors can be with or without tan and or brindle points and with or without white.

Standard Coats- Corgis standard coat is slicker and shorter hair.

Glamour Coats- Corgis can have what is called a glamour coat. This is a standard coat that may be a little bit fluffier or longer than normal but is not a fluffy.

Fluffy Coats- Corgis can have a fluffy coat that is a longer coat than the standard coat and is also fluffier. A good comparison is it is similar to an Australian Shepherds coat. Their hair is softer instead of a thicker, stiffer hair. Fluffies tend to shed less but need more grooming

## **Corgis Ears:**

When your puppy leaves, their ears can be standing or still floppy; it is normal for them to be either way. If they have not stood up by 10 weeks, I encourage you to up the calcium intake by feeding a spoonful of cottage cheese at each meal. If by 12 weeks of age the ears are still not standing, I highly encourage taping them. If you do not tape them at this point, they may never go up and it becomes harder to get to stand later on. The following image discusses how to tape up ears, I find that masking tape does not stick so I use duck tape instead. You can also help support the ear by adding cut toilet paper rolls to add support and then tape. Once taped I leave on for 4-7 days or until it gets too dirty. I don't change too often because I don't want to irritate the skin but don't leave on if the ears get dirty. When you remove the tape, give the ears a few hours to just relax. If the ears are standing you can try to leave the tape off and see if they stay standing. If the ears are still not standing, retape and continue to do so until they stand on their own. Feel free to reach out to me for any help on taping!

### EAR TAPING TIPS FOR CARDIGAN WELSH CORGIS



#1



#2



#3

Taping is used to enhance circulation through the entire ear by eliminating the fold. This encourages cartilage formation at an early age. Corgi ears should never be "rolled" or "racked" like a Dobermans where  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the ear has been cut away. Rolling such a large ear would actually decrease circulation. Taping as illustrated here does not hurt in any way. Your puppy won't like holding still for the process and will probably try to roll, scratch, or shake off the tape. However, they soon forget the tape is there. You can leave the tape on for up to a week by reinforcing it with more tape as needed. **Do not** allow another puppy to pull or chew on the tape. When you remove the tape give the ears a few hours to adjust, then decide if they need to be retaped.

- Start the taping process at nine weeks if your puppy's ears are not standing up naturally by this time.
- It is best if one person holds the puppy while another tapes. It can be managed single-handedly if necessary, but you'll need lots of patience.
- Use 2-inch wide masking tape. No other size will do. 2-inch white fabric medical tape or duct tape can be used if the masking tape is not sticking to the ears.
- First use a band of tape to encircle each ear. (See illustration #1) Next put a long band of tape in front and in back to connect the ears. (See illustration #2) Add tape where needed to add strength to the construction.
- Make sure there are no folds in the ear when taping is completed.
- Distract the puppy until it becomes used to the tape. This usually takes 15 minutes or less. Use toys, food, or play as distractions. Be sure to tell them how good they are!
- Some puppies' ears will stand after the first taping. Others take longer. Retape if your puppy looks like the flying nun! (See Illustration #3)

# New Puppy Care Handout

Your puppy now depends on you for everything – food, water, exercise, training, good health and hygiene. Please remember that all puppies are different, and you should consult your veterinarian and trainer for specific needs of your pup.

It is exciting to bring your new puppy home and into your life and heart. I know you will be excited to show him / her off and play with him / her right away but remember to give your puppy some time to adjust! We recommend three relaxed days at home. Your puppy is undergoing a lot of change and they need lots of rest while they adjust. Adding more stress during this transition is detrimental to both their mental and physical health. Puppies do not know English. The best way to train a dog is when they do a behavior you want, praise the pup with a pat, a treat or a verbal praise (keep it short and simple though). For example, don't say "Sit...sit...sit...sit...SIT" and expect a response. Get your puppy to do the behavior (sit) and then reward. You add the word and maybe even a hand signal later.

## **Puppy Chewing**

Puppies have needle sharp teeth and this can be tough! Some tricks to help you avoid becoming a pincushion are to have chew bones and toys always close by! Do not ever let them chew on you. All it takes is one family member that allows this behavior and it will be possible for the toddler to become a chew toy too. Keep your rules and boundaries consistent. If your puppy chews on you, offer an acceptable item for them to chew on. If they persist, then take yourself away from them (put them in their crate or play pen, they are likely tired and need some sleep). Another tip that works for most puppies is to make a quick, sharp puppy "cry" noise. This is how they let other littermates know it hurts!

## **Jumping**

Jumping is another problem that young puppies may struggle with. Their excitement and overwhelming love for people can make this extremely difficult; however, do not even start allowing this behavior. Do not reward, pet, or praise a puppy that jumps on you. Ignore them, turn your back, or walk away! A calm puppy that is sitting is a puppy that is ready for praise and love! Teach calm, self-controlled behaviors now; it will pay off as they get larger and stronger!

## **Potty Training**

Depending on your bedtime schedule, remove food and water 2-3 hours before your bedtime to allow the puppy a greater chance of holding it all night. Remember that your

dog's bladder will not be fully developed until he or she reaches five months old. Therefore, as your pup gets older, they will be able to hold it longer. If you do have to take your puppy out at night, please do not make this a play session. Be matter of fact (as little talking as possible) and get down to business. Praise the potty behavior and right back into the kennel. These puppies are very bright and if they know that you will get up in the middle of the night to play, talk sweet and love on them, they will start waking you for this attention alone. I strongly suggest crate training, and potty training is one of the biggest reasons why. Puppies will rarely potty where they sleep. When you bring your puppy home and put him or her into an appropriate sized crate (not too large, just enough room to turn around and lay down) they will fuss when they have to go potty! If you cannot watch your puppy or it is naptime, tuck them into their kennel. When your puppy has an accident, please just clean it up thoroughly and move on. Only clap hands and scold vocally **IF** you catch the pup going potty. Rubbing their nose in it, etc. is not acceptable and is a complete waste of time. In your pup's brain they are wondering why you are making them smell their own urine or feces. They know what it smells like! In general, your pup will need to potty every 30 minutes as well as after a nap, vigorous play, exiting the kennel and following meals. When in doubt, take out! Again, if you can't watch your puppy, in the crate they go! The puppy should not have the opportunity to have an accident, so if they do it is likely because you were at fault and did not see the signs that they needed to potty.

## **Crate Use**

Dogs are den animals and actually prefer sleeping in small places. The cost of a crate may initially seem expensive, but when you compare it to the cost of ruined rugs and/or chewed up furniture, it is well worth it! When you bring your puppy home, it is best to begin using the crate right away. There are many different crates, but I prefer metal crates with double doors. I have a link to one on my website supplies page. 30 inches is a good size to buy and make sure it comes with a divider so you can make the crate smaller when they are puppies. The crate needs to be large enough for them to walk into, turn around and lay down. You should, however, refrain from giving your puppy a large crate in the beginning, because you don't want them to have enough space to have both a "sleep" and a "potty" area inside the crate. Also, in the beginning, do not put any blankets, beds or toys (other than maybe a chew toy) in the crate, these will just soak up any accidents and slow the crate training process. Once your puppy is reliably crate trained you can add these into the crate. Crate training can make potty training easier, gives you and your puppy a few breaks throughout the day and helps keep your puppy safe when you can't watch him or her!

Even though we expose puppies to crates early on, they are not used to staying in them very often with doors closed for extended amounts of time. Once you close the door,

protest may occur. This is where tough love comes into play – you will need to ignore the whimpering all the way up to the outright screaming (just make sure the pup does not need to potty or that something is wrong). If you let them out, you are teaching them that screaming will get them out! If you “console” them, you are teaching them that they are correct in their feelings of disdain. You cannot enable this behavior if you do not want it to persist into the future. Both behaviors from you will make this process very difficult. Try to get the pup to enter the crate on his or her own, by luring them with a special treat then close the door. Make sure you name the behavior as they walk in with the word, “Kennel” or something cleverer if you prefer. Generally, the crying and protesting only lasts 3 days - stick with it, it will pay off!

## Socializing and Developmental Stages

It is imperative that your new dog socializes with other people and pets in a safe manner. Try to steer clear of other dogs and any areas populated by puppies and other dogs for a few weeks, until your veterinarian has administered all of your dog's vaccinations. Having your puppy around other people, dogs, new locations, in the car, etc. will create a much happier, well-socialized dog in the long run. You will be so proud to take your pup with you on the go, and he or she will enjoy meeting new people and visiting new places. However, you **must be cautious of Parvo, a highly contagious and very dangerous virus** that can live in any environment for years and can be easily tracked into your own house on your shoes. Do not keep your puppy sheltered during these precious developmental weeks, just make sure that you avoid areas with other dogs and that your pup keeps all four paws off the floor outside of the home. Brief and safe socializing is so important to the proper development of a puppy. I have 8 weeks of socialization. You have 8 weeks that are imperative to socialization. And it takes both of us to ensure a stable happy puppy follows! Please remember not all socialization requires face to face interaction. The most effective interaction is observation from a distance. Your puppy does not always need to be actively playing with a dog to be socialized to dogs. Passing dogs on a walk with no interaction is also good socialization.

## Obedience/Training

Please start training your puppy immediately. They are smart, eager to learn and want to please! Dogs are pack animals and are looking to you for leadership and guidance when they join your pack. You will be amazed at how much they can learn starting at 8 weeks old. It is very exciting and rewarding when your pup learns something new! I highly recommend enrolling your puppy in Baxter and Bella Training Classes. Follow through with any “puppy homework” you are given to continue building your relationship with your pup and helping him or her learn through repetition. Start with sit, down, stay,

kennel, place and go potty. Also don't forget tether training! These exercises are very beneficial in teaching your pup self-control, focus and pack order.

## **Veterinarian Care**

Vaccination records are enclosed in the puppy packet. However, your vet will advise you on what is best for the proper care of your pet. Please spay or neuter your pup at approximately 6-12 months old. The health benefits are overwhelming, not to mention the implications of an unplanned pregnancy can be devastating. It is in the contract that this must be completed in this time frame, and I must be sent documentation for proof.

## **Parasites**

Unfortunately, parasites in pups are extremely common and it is estimated that 95% of pups have parasites. We do our very best to keep our puppies' parasite-free. They are dewormed at 2 weeks, 4 weeks, 6 weeks, and 8 weeks along with being given a coccidiostat at 5 weeks and 7 weeks. However, not all parasites respond to particular deworming and excess stress with "go-home" can "awaken" parasites that previously lay dormant. Throughout the eight weeks your puppy is with us, we perform random fecal tests to gauge any issues, and if any arise, we treat all the puppies in the litter. We may send your puppy home with the remainder of his or her medication if there is an issue. Nonetheless, it is much easier to stop repeated transmission when the whole litter is not together since they keep reinfecting each other! Upon bringing your puppy home, it is worthwhile for your pup to have another fecal test done at the veterinarian when you bring them in for their vaccinations.

# **Puppy “Massage”**

## **10 Step Puppy Handling Exercise**

**\*This approach is performed to improve your pup’s ability to handle different types of touch, handling and sensation. It can be performed in ANY order. Do not put your puppy down if they are agitated or upset. If they are displaying resistance, stop until the puppy calms and then resume! Reward with positive praise and snuggles when done! \***

1. **Rub and gently tug on their ears**
2. **Cover their eyes for 3-5 seconds**
3. **Open their mouth, inspect their teeth and place your finger inside of their mouth. You can rub their tongue and gums. I also always look at teeth to ensure they are coming in correctly. Every once in a while, issues with tooth eruption do occur.**
4. **Rub their belly and chest in wide circular motion.**
5. **Run your hand up their back (from tail to head) a few times to ruffle their fur. Also practice “heavy petting” - patting your pup’s back like you are burping a baby**
6. **Gently massage their back legs**
7. **Rub your fingers in between all pads of their paws.**
8. **Tap on the tip of their nails**
9. **Put your hand on their collar and apply a slight tug or pressure**
10. **Touch their nose!**

**Doing this exercise will help your puppy know that being touched is relaxing. I use this to help my dogs settle down and lay there for any grooming needs, including brushing and nail trims. If you do not teach your puppy that being touched in these places is okay, they may become nervous about things like their feet being touched.**

This is an excellent time to check the puppy over from head to foot each day ensuring everything is forming correctly and the pup’s conformation looks and feels good. You can be standing (elevation work) or sitting - try both! Don’t always perform the “puppy massage” in the same room at the same time. As pups age, it helps to do this exercise when they are sleepy - after a solid play session is a great time. It is also CRUCIAL to have others do the massage as well. You want your dog to be tolerant of touch by friends, strangers, kids, the elderly, veterinarians, groomers etc.



# Other Information provided

- A copy of your completed contract
- Vet health clearance
- Trupanion information
  - If you continue to use trupanion, they will cover a lot of things that come up over the years of owning a dog.
- NuVet and NuJoint Info
- Your Puppy's Microchip Registration QR Code
- Your Puppy's Health Records (Vaccinations and Deworming)