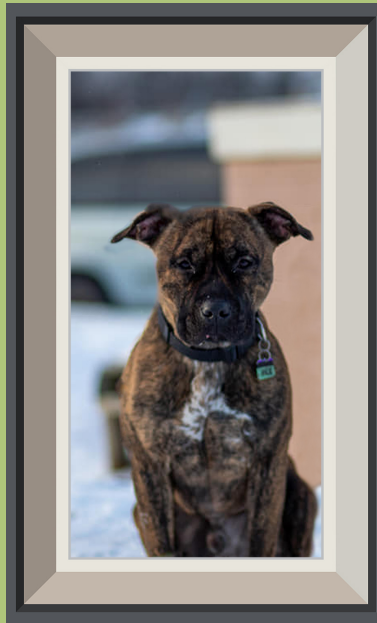

**NORTH TORONTO K9
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PUPPY
SCHOOL



Tips and
Recommendations

Best ways to Bond with a Puppy

1. Training
2. Socialization to new environments
3. Snuggling
4. Hide and Seek
5. Time away
6. Getting down on the floor
7. Cookies/ Hand Feeding
8. Picking up/ Handling your dog
9. Grooming/ Nail Clipping
10. Encouraging use of new equipment to build confidence.

Recommended Training Schedule

Puppies have short attention spans. They still pick up information very quickly! Best thing to do is train multiple times a day for a very short period. Your puppies should already be eating 3 times a day. So, why not use that time to train a little bit too!

The ideal training schedule will look like this:

8:00 am: Train 5-15 mins. With half your puppies kibble.

8:15 am: Feed the puppy remainder kibble.

8:45am: Pick up your puppies food bowl with any remainder food.

Repeat two more times a day.

It is important for puppies to eat on a regular schedule! It creates a consistence that will help get your puppy into a routine.

Ask your trainer for more info on feeding, training schedules and creating drive/ love of training.

Other Helpful Information

1. **Cooling off:** On hot days, never cool your puppy off on there back. Always on the legs, chest and belly. This prevents the sun from drying our the skin.
2. **Bathing:** Don't bath your puppy too often! Dogs don't sweat the way people do. They take much longer to get healthy oils on there skin. Washing these oils off too often can cause dryness and skin/ coat damage. Chose to brush your dogs coat out instead whenever possible.
3. **High value treats:** High value treats will change everything! When you find your puppy's highest value treat it will motivate them like nothing else. Experiment with treats until you find the right one
4. **New Equipment:** Always consult a qualified trainer before trying new equipment one your dog. Most of the time equipment (specifically prong collars, e-collars and head halters) have very specific methods of training that need to be taught before you handle a dog. A trainer will be able to show you how to use it in the safest way possible
5. **Youtube university:** YouTube is an excellent place to fin information about training your dog. But keep in mind that every dog is different and some methods will not work for your dog. Bring your questions and videos to your trainer as a starting point for your session. Not your only education.

SOCIALIZATION

Socialization from the ages of 8-24 weeks is one of the most important things you can do for your new puppy!

Dog Friendly Store for Socialization

1. Home Depot
2. Canadian Tire
3. Chapter/Indigo
4. Winner/ Homesense/ Marshals
5. All Pet Stores
6. Greenhawk

Highest Value Dog Treats

(Least to Greatest)

1. Hot dogs
2. Cooked/ Shredded Chicken Breast
3. Beef Liver (Purbites, Crumps)
4. Cheese
5. Pet store off the shelf training treats
 - Zukes,
 - Rollover
 - Tilted Born
 - Stella and Chewy
 - Open Farm
 - Pet Botanics
 - Fish Lake Road

* High value treats make training easier. Experiment with your dog in a low distraction environment to find the one they like the best. Start with #1. Use your high value treats **Only for Training** so it retains its value.

*Start with the pet store / Canadian Tire. Employees and customers are most accustomed to dogs and any mistakes that may happen. Other stores may require dogs to be more well behaved. Talk to your trainer for more information.

*All stores have been tested and confirmed by your trainer.

Best Dog Coat Brands

1. Shedrow \$\$
2. Hurtta \$\$\$
3. Chilly Dogs \$\$
4. Rc Pets \$
5. Canada Pooch \$\$\$\$
6. Carhart Dog \$\$\$\$



Best Dog Food

1. Go Solutions \$\$
2. Canada Naturals \$\$
3. Acana Single Ingredient \$\$\$
4. Orijen (highly active dogs only) \$\$\$
5. TLC \$\$
6. Purina One \$\$
7. Open Farm \$\$\$\$
8. Nutrience \$\$ (highly active dogs only)

Tips:

1. When choosing a food, Read the first 5 ingredients to see what the majority of the bag contains.
2. Avoid foods with chicken meal/ byproduct, corn or beat pulp, many many chemicals, or "grain free" foods
3. When changing your dogs food do so gradually by adding a little bit of new food at a time to the old. Never give your dog an entire bowl of new food.
4. If you dog has an upset stomach, ground chicken, white rice and pure pumpkin will usually help to settle the stomach.



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