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Thank you for adopting one of our puppies! Feel free to contact us anytime questions or concerns may come up in the future. We're happy to share our experience and advice with you. Pictures and size, temperament and shedding updates are always appreciated to help us with our breeding program!

Feeding:

We recommend a feeding schedule of either 2 or 3x/day until your puppy has reached 6 months of age. At that time you may begin feeding him/her 1/day in the mornings. His amount of food needed will vary with his growing weight. Read the back of the bag and make sure he's getting the recommended daily amount needed for his weight divided by how many times a day you're feeding him. We've had great results on Nutrisource products, this seems to be just about the right amount of protein to avoid rapid growth stressing the joints with the larger Bernedoodles. He/she is currently eating Nutrisource Small & Medium Breed Chicken and Rice puppy food. Please purchase one large bag of this and then switch to the Adult Chicken and Rice formula to avoid rapid growth in your Bernedoodle- large or small/medium breed depending on which size of Bernedoodle you purchased. All of our pups start out on the small and medium breed for the smaller kibble. When you switch to the different food in the future, mix his current food ½ & ½ for a couple weeks to help the transition easier. It's highly recommended to feed your new pup the food he's used to eating for the first couple of months before switching to another brand if at all possible. This will be easiest on his system resulting in less diarrhea.

Health Prevention:

Inside the health record you've been given you'll find dates for all the wormings and shots your puppy has received. Your new puppy had his/her first 1-3 puppy shots before leaving us. He/she will need 3-4 more to complete the puppy series. It's **extremely** important that you do not socialize your new puppy around any other strange dogs until 2 weeks after the last set of puppy vaccines at 16 weeks of age. They are not fully immunized until this time. Do not take them into pet stores or dog parks! Avoid other dog waste as well during the early puppy months to avoid catching any infectious diseases such as parvo, which is usually very deadly in small puppies. Home is the safest and best place for your new family member until his immune system has fully developed. Parvo is very heartbreaking to watch a young pup go through so please take this advice to heart. Parvo is everywhere and also carried by wildlife. If you know the other dog your

pup is around, know they have been immunized and have never had an infectious disease, don't frequent dog parks, then it should be ok in the mean time. Parvo is also transmitted through paws walking through contamination or clothing that may have touched it as well. Taking the NuVet supplements we recommended to you will strengthen your puppy's immune system for a long healthy life.

We like to worm our puppies every two weeks until they're 12 weeks old and then 1/mo from that point on. This works very well for keeping our dogs healthy. This is something that can easily be done at home. You can order wormer and other needed products from revivalanimal.com or get some from your vet. Panacur is one of the best wormers to use.

Travel Stress:

Travel stress resulting in diarrhea is extremely common in young puppies whether traveling by car or by air. The first thing is not to panic, young puppies immune systems are very sensitive to any type of stress. Most puppies experience diarrhea after transitioning into a new home. Change of water or food will also trigger this. If it doesn't regulate in a few days, call your local vet to see if an antibiotic is needed.

Enjoy your new puppy! Thank you for choosing us!