

# Health, Routine & Food

Keeping your puppy healthy and happy.

## HEALTH — MEDICINE WARNINGS

A couple of very important things! All herding breeds can have very serious medication sensitivities — primarily any deworming medication with **ivermectin**. It's an active ingredient. We treat every dog, puppy and adult, as affected to avoid issues. Please — **never give them even the smallest dose.** There are many options; let your vet know. We prefer **Sentinel or Revolution**.

Also, we have had experience with sensitivities with **metronidazole** — very common in treating dogs with various conditions. I strongly discourage its use as well. Follow up with your vet regularly for basic care.

## ROUTINE & FOOD

The puppies have been crate training and potty training and are doing fantastic. Feed them 2–3 times a day as much as they want until they are no longer interested. Going to 2 a day feedings shouldn't take long, so just pay attention to the puppy's needs.

Puppies DO go potty what seems like every 20 minutes in the beginning, so be diligent in establishing the potty area.

## KEY DATES AT A GLANCE

- **First vet visit** — within three business days of your puppy coming home.
- **Second shot** — 3–4 weeks after the first shot.
- **Third booster** — 3–4 weeks after the second.
- **Rabies** — at about 16 weeks.