

its - good ones or bad ones.

Feed him on a schedule (the diet he's been raised on!) You'll soon learn how long after eating he needs to be taken out to relieve himself. Offer him his dish of food, if he doesn't eat within 10-15 minutes lift the remainder until next feeding.

Take him outdoors after he's completed his meal to his special spot. Play with him until he relieves himself. Then clap and cheer and tell him he's wonderful. He loves to please you!

Water too can be given at scheduled intervals - provided you're at home. If he spends the day alone, an adequate amount of clean water must be made readily available for him.

The more often you take him outdoors the sooner he'll catch on.

Accidents will occur when he is not being supervised. Be certain to have stain and odor removing products on hand for these times. Use products made for animal urine and follow the directions.

Into the evening - between 7 and 8 P.M. terminate his water supply. Take him out several times before you go to bed.

When he's ready for bed, place him in his crate, with his cuddly toy and tell him he's okay and a terrific guy! Turn on the radio but remember he needs to learn to be alone.

Set your alarm for the first week or so around 1:00 A.M. and wake him up and take him out to his place in the yard. He'll soon sleep through the night and feel confident and safe in your home.

In the morning take him out immediately. Decide before the morning arrives who is to perform this task and make certain they get up early.

Then feed him and start all over again.

## SOCIALIZING ... MAKING FRIENDS

Refrain from taking your pup out of your yard until he has had all of his immunizations. But do introduce him to friends, neighbors, the mailman and so on.

Often times dogs fear uniforms, caps or strangers with packages. Expose him to lots of different people and situations and praise him when he accepts them. Fearful pups often become aggressive dogs!

Utilize his puppyhood to help him become a healthy, friendly, confident dog.

Talk to your vet about socializing your pup with other dogs. It is necessary for the well being of your pup as well as others.

## IN CONCLUSION

Choosing a vet, a trainer and a groomer are all important aspects of your puppy's life.

Choose your vet as you would any health professional. Ask friends for recommendations and then call and interview the vet. Find out his or her thoughts on spaying/neutering, charges for services, clinic hours, what to do in an emergency,

and where to go for an emergency if the clinic is closed.

Trainers are helpful only if you follow their advice and you will only follow their advice if your basic philosophy is the same. So take time to interview them as well.

And the groomer. If your pup requires grooming or even goes in for an occasional bath make certain he's going to be treated kindly. Go with your gut feeling and don't leave him if you are uncomfortable.

This may sound like a lot of work. It is! But what you give to your dog he will give back tenfold. I promise.

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