

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY DOES MY PUPPY NEED TO BE WORMED?

All puppies seem to get “round worms” from their Mother when nursing. We worm all of our Shelties on a regular basis and also give a product called “Nemex 2” wormer to puppies at 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10 weeks of age if they are still with us. **YOU SHOULD CHECK WITH YOUR VETERINARIAN FOR HIS or HER RECOMMENDATIONS!**

CAN YOU GIVE THE FIRST PUPPY SHOTS EARLY?

NO! Your puppy still has the immunity from the Mother until about 6 weeks of age. At about 6 weeks of age the puppy’s immune system is just starting to “kick in” - any shot given before that time will have **NO EFFECT** as the puppy’s immune system will not be able to make any antibodies. We normally give a “First Shot” shortly before the puppy leaves our home.

DO I NEED TO GIVE THE WHOLE SERIES OF SHOTS?

YES! Your puppy’s immune system **NEEDS** the full series of shots to build up immunity to the diseases. If you stop giving the shots you might as well not given them at all!

DO I NEED TO GET THE ANNUAL REVACCINATIONS?

YES! Your dogs immune system does need the annual revaccinations to ensure the dogs health. **NOTE** - Even with the full series and revaccinations some dogs can still get “Parvo”

CAN I CHANGE THE BRAND OF FOOD THAT MY DOG EATS ?

YES! You should give a puppy (any dog under 12 year of age is considered a puppy) for the first year of it’s life. It **NEEDS** the extra nutrition during the first year while it is growing, after that you can change to an adult food. **ANY GOOD QUALITY BRAND OF FOOD WILL DO!** You do **NOT** need to keep feeding the same food we feed our puppies, but change over to the new brand **SLOWLY** giving a little less of the old brand mixed in with a little more of the new brand for a week or 10 days to avoid diarrhea!

DO I NEED TO “GLUE” MY PUPPY’S EARS?

NO! We sometimes will glue ears for a “photo shoot” but rarely do it even then. If you are not going to “show” your Sheltie in **CONFIRMATION** classes at a dog show I would **NOT** bother with the “gluing” as it can be a real **PAIN!** If yo wish to “glue” the ears go to page 42 for a list of products and where to get them.

PLEASE feel free to give us a call anytime if you have a question - we are here to help!