



Foxhunt White Shepherds

~ Helpful Information ~

I hope that you have enjoyed the updates on the babies and that you and your family have felt as much a part of this litter as possible without actually being able to be here. I understand how excited you and your family are getting at this point, I have been there myself. It won't be too much longer now and your baby will be home. I hope that you will continue to update us with your babies progress after he/she goes home, we love to hear from our puppy parents with updates and photos. Our babies are all very special to us and we love each and everyone of them dearly.:0)

CRATE: The crate is a wonderful idea, I totally agree with crate training and most dogs do think of their crates as their own space and do use them for their lifetime. Your baby will be partially crate trained when he/she goes home. We begin crate training here at 7 weeks, we feel that it takes some of the stress out of leaving their doggy family and going to their forever home. This is a big move for a baby particularly when the first day is over and it's time for your baby to go to bed for the night. Since your baby will already be used to sleeping in a crate he/she will most likely lay right down and go to sleep with little or no stress or fuss. We will also send a baby blanket that has been with the puppies and mama so it smells familiar this will be in your puppy kit, it will help to make the transition easier for your new baby. I would suggest getting a large crate right from the start and not waste money on smaller crates as the baby grows. Most crates these days come with a divider so you can make them smaller while the puppy is younger. If the one you choose doesn't have a divider just use a empty cardboard box to take up the extra space. Our adult dog crates are about 28" X 42". Something to think about though is if you ever want to move the crate to different locations around the house is that the crates that have a door on the side as well as the door on the end can be put in many more areas. Here's a link to the best deal on a crate with 2 doors: http://www.jefferspet.com/ssc/product.asp?pf_id=0027247 you want the \$86.95 crate if you want the double door crate and go here: http://www.jefferspet.com/ssc/product.asp?pf_id=0027239 if you want the single door crate at \$74.95. Both crates come with the divider that I spoke of and you can get replacement pans for them as well. They are the best deal for your money.

CRATE PADS: While a pet pad for the crate is tempting to buy for your new puppy, it's usually a waste of money as most puppies will just tear it up. I go to the Goodwill and buy second hand padded bed quilts that I cut into 1/4 sections or 1/2 section (depending on how padded I want it) and fold and sew them along the edges. One quilt will give you 2-4 crate blankets to work with, that are very easy to wash in case of accidents and for general cleanliness. You can purchase a crate pad later after your puppy has matured enough not to tear it up. However, I have both crate pads and my homemade quilt pads and I honestly like the quilt pads better and find them easier to throw in the washer and dryer than the bulky crate pads.

BONES: We recommend you keeping lots of chew bones/items around for your baby, this will help save your home during teething. For rawhide we recommend the knotted or rolled rawhide bones and not the pressed rawhide. The pressed rawhide bones will often come apart in very thin sheets and I

have seen puppies choke on them. Though some say all rawhide is dangerous, I have never had one of my puppies or dogs choke on a knotted or rolled rawhide bone in all my years raising dogs. Your puppy kit will come with a knotted rawhide bone to get you started and if your coming here to pick up your baby I have rawhide rolls here that you can purchase for 1.50 ea. I buy these in large bulk and they are much better, thicker rawhide than you can get in the stores and will last a lot longer. We also recommend a product called a Bully Stick. These are a bit pricey, but they are great for chewing, teething & keeping your dogs teeth clean, they are very good for them and they love them. Your baby will have already had bully sticks to chew on here since I always keep them on hand for my dogs. We also sell these here for 2.00 each for a 6" stick which is cheaper than anywhere else since I also buy these in large bulk and am able to pass along the savings to all of you. We also don't recommend that you buy the prepackaged shank bones for your puppy, I have seen these splinter and cause tears to their intestine. We do however recommend that you give your puppy raw beef knuckle bones if you want your puppy to chew on real bones these are the safest for them and can be gotten at most food stores or packing houses. Just be sure you only give the knuckle bone and never give it cooked, only raw. Of course most find these best to give them as an outside treat. Never give your baby a product called "Greenies" you will see these in stores, there have been many cases of dogs having to have surgery as these products don't digest well and can back up on the dog and cause blockages. There are also various other nylon puppy chew items out there on the market.

TOYS: Tennis balls are fine for your puppy, however, to a full grown White Shepherd tennis balls can be dangerous, they can lodge in their throat. Your puppy will need a ball that is larger than a tennis ball when grown. That being said, balls of course are great dog toys. Stuffed animals without plastic eyes and noses are good and they love stuffed toys with squeakers. We do highly recommend purchasing a puppy KONG these are one of the greatest inventions for keep your puppy busy while forefilling their need to chew. You fill the inside of the KONG with different things, there are many things on the market specially designed to fill them with, there's also a newsletter for KONG that usually has recipes in it or you can get creative and try your own things. The possibilities are endless with the KONG. The KONG also comes in many different shapes and they are durable. However, you will need to invest in a couple of different sizes as your puppy grows again remembering if the toy is too small, they can get it caught in their throat. Here's a link for the KONG: http://www.kongcompany.com/worlds_best.html you can sign up for the newsletter there. You can also get the KONG at Jeffers Pet Supply, go to: www.jefferspet.com and put KONG in the search box it will bring up many KONG toys. Jeffers is a really good place to shop for the best deals on dog supplies.

SHAMPOO: Jeffers carries their own brand of whitening shampoo which is sold in concentrate form. You can get a gallon of it for 16.95. This is nice shampoo and doesn't dry out the coat. It isn't a harsh whitening shampoo and is great for common use. Here's the link for that: http://www.jefferspet.com/ssc/product.asp?pf_id=0215 However, if your ever decide to show your puppy, let me know and I'll send you the link for a stronger whitening shampoo.

I hope this helps, feel free to contact me if you have anymore questions. I'm also including a list of links that might be helpful to you, you can also find this list of links in the files section of the Foxhunt Family list. I'll contact you a couple of weeks or so before your baby is ready to go home and talk with you about what it is your looking for in a puppy. I like to get a feel for your family and your lifestyle so we can "together" choose the best puppy for your family.

~ Helpful Links ~

United Kennel Club: <http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/WebPages/Home>

United Kennel Club (UKC Events):

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/WebPages/DogFindingAShow>

UKC Judges Education Seminar:

http://www.foxhuntwhiteshepherds.com/files/UKC_PP_WS_2008.pdf

AKC: <http://www.akc.org/index.cfm>

American White Shepherd Association (AWSA): <http://www.awsclub.com/>

United White Shepherd Club (UWSC): www.unitedwhiteshepherdclub.org

UWSC Free Online Newsletter: <http://unitedwhiteshepherdclub.org/welcomenewsletter.html>

White Shepherd Genetics Database: <http://www.wsgenetics.org/>

White Shepherd Genetics Group List: <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/WhiteShepherdGenetics/?yguid=222997068>

Foxhunt Family Yahoo Group list: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fws_family/?yguid=222997068

Jeffers: www.jefferspet.com

Mutt Mart: <http://www.muttmart.com/>

Internet - Pet: www.i-pet.com

Kong website: http://dogs.thefuntimesguide.com/2006/02/dog_recipes_for_kong_chew_toys.php

Cherrybrook: <http://www.cherrybrook.com/>

KV Vet Supplies: <http://www.kvsupply.com/>

Merck Veterinary Manual: <http://www.merckvetmanual.com/mvm/index.jsp>

J&J Dog Supply: <http://www.jjdog.com/>

Non prescription Metronidazole: <http://www.petsupplies4less.com/Fish-Zole-Forte-500-mg-Metronidazole-x-100-Tablets-Nonprescription--pr--001TLZOL500>

For Fleas (same chemical as Frontline): <http://www.domyownpestcontrol.com/termidor-sc-p-184.html>

Given topically (between shoulder blades & down back) at a rate of 1cc per 10 lbs. of body weight.

Comfortis xlarge once a month flea tablets for dogs:

http://www.vidalspets.com/epages/vidalspets.sf/en_US/?

[ObjectPath=/Shops/vidalspets/Products/Comfortisbrown](http://www.vidalspets.com/epages/vidalspets.sf/en_US/?ObjectPath=/Shops/vidalspets/Products/Comfortisbrown) or <http://www.equine-mega-store.com/category25.ehtml>

White on White Shampoo for showing: <http://www.chrissystems.com/whiteon.htm>

Affordable Agility (Best deals on equipment): <http://www.affordableagility.com/>

Natures Pet Holistic Dog Food: <http://www.naturespet.com/barfingredients.html>

Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA): <http://www.offa.org/>

PennHip: <http://research.vet.upenn.edu/Default.aspx?alias=research.vet.upenn.edu/pennhip>

Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF): <http://www.vmdb.org/>

Canine Health Information Center (CHIC): <http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/>

Tapewormer (Paratak - :Praziquantel 50 mg per tablet): <http://www.interpet.biz/Tapewormer.html>

Friends of Animals Spay & Neuter Program: <http://www.friendsofanimals.org/programs/spay-neuter/index.html>

White Shepherd Friends Yahoo Group: http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/White_Shepherd_Friends/

Jeffers® White Coat Shampoo for cats and dogs: http://www.jefferspet.com/ssc/product.asp?pf_id=0215

Jeffers® Single Door Fold and Go Crate: http://www.jefferspet.com/ssc/product.asp?pf_id=0027239

Jeffers® Double Door Fold & Go Crates: http://www.jefferspet.com/ssc/product.asp?pf_id=0027247

K9 Tuff Dog Toys: <http://www.k9tuff.com/>

Valley Vet Dog Supplies: http://www.valleyvet.com/ct_pet.html

Dog Powered Scooter: <http://www.dogpoweredscooter.com/>

Pet Edge Dog Supplies: <http://www.petedge.com/home.jsp>

Foster & Smith Dog Supplies: <http://www.drsfostersmith.com/>

PlexiDor: http://www.dogdoors.com/products.php?cat_id=14

Unique Dog Art: <http://www.uniquedogart.com/>

Stones of Glass: <http://www.stonesofglass.com/>

Pet Airways: <http://www.petairways.com/>

Cesar Millan: <http://www.cesarsway.com/>

AVID Microchip: <http://www.avidid.com/>

Home Again Microchop: <http://public.homeagain.com/index.html>

Purina ONE: <http://www.purinaone.com/Products/Dog.aspx>

Purina Pro Plan: <http://www.proplan.com/products/dogProducts.html>

AKC Canine Good Citizen Program: <http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/program.cfm>

ECHO Dogs WS Rescue: <http://www.echodogs.org/>

Custom Pet Portraits: <http://www.finepetportraits.co.uk/>

BARF World Raw Diet: <http://www.barfworld.com/>

BARF for Beginners 50 most asked questions: <http://www.njboxers.com/faqs.htm>

United States Service Dog Registry: <http://www.usservicedogregistry.org/index.php>

The White Shepherd Shop Gifts & Apparel: http://www.cafepress.com/White_Shepherds

K9 Amber Alert: <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/K9AmberAlert/?yguid=222997068>



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