

High Pines Norwich Terriers

Congratulations on your High Pines Norwich Terrier puppy! We wanted to share some information about the care of your new puppy. Most important thing to remember is to enjoy your puppy!

TEMPERAMENT: Norwich Terriers are happy and loyal companions. They strive to please their owners and are extremely willing to join in on any activity or trip. They are terriers, up for adventure, always focused on hunting. Although this delightful characteristic makes them an active breed, it may also place them in potentially harmful situations. As terriers, they sometimes lose focus on commands, dashing off to explore something that catches their eye, so it is always important, when your Norwich is outdoors, that it is not lost and exposed to a potentially harmful situation, like being near a road or vehicles.

TRAINING: These happy dogs want to please their owner; they do not ever intend to be defiant or spiteful. Thus, with this sweet temperament they should not to be forced into submission. The best way to train them is through the use of **REWARDS** and **POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT**. Right now they are just babies, but they will make excellent companions, agility and obedience dogs. They are all smart, so pick a word for reward, like "cookie" or "treat" or whatever word works for you. The most important thing is to be consistent. Please try and give the dog as much exercise as you can. They just want to be with you and are up for anything.

Other critical aspects of training are: 1) Exercise 2) Discipline 3) Affection -- *Cesar Milan*

HOUSEBREAKING: The main point is **CONSISTENCY** for your puppy and **PATIENCE** and **LOVE** for you. Your new puppy is just a baby when you get him, so they will most likely pee as soon as he wakes up from naps and after intense periods of play. You will need to take him out to pee at least every two hours or so. Be sure to praise the puppy and give him a treat when he goes to the bathroom outside. Doing so will help him learn faster.

Remember, they are still just a puppy and will not be able to "hold it" for extended lengths of time. Eventually it works to take the puppy out and when he does not go to the bathroom, to take them back inside and put them in his crate for (10 - 30 minutes). Then take him outside and try again. This method works to both crate train the dog and to teach it to go to the bathroom outside. The crate becomes a safe den like place for the puppy and then you have a crate trained dog.

Early on pee pads also work well inside, especially when you can direct the puppy to this pad in the corner of an exercise pen. I try praise and give a treat when the puppy uses the pad. Starting out with a smaller area for the puppy's exercise pen works best, otherwise it will likely get confused with too large of target area.

VETERINARY CARE: Your puppy was checked by a Veterinarian and was found to be in good health. We do not anticipate any health problems as both parents have been checked for and cleared of both breathing problems and eye problems. We do not anticipate any additional veterinary care other than their routine vaccinations and de-worming.

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VACCINATIONS: Remember, some **vaccinations** need to be kept up-to-date throughout the lifetime of the dog. We do NOT vaccinate for *Leptospirosis* because several Norwich have had severe adverse reactions to the vaccine, including several deaths. Also, we do NOT recommend vaccinating for *Lyme* or *Corona*. If the dog has proper flea and tick prevention there is no need for a *Lyme* vaccination. Please do not vaccinate for *Bordatella* until the puppy is AT LEAST 6 months of age. Puppies are protected with maternal antibodies. First *Rabies* vaccine should be given at least 4 weeks after the last combo vaccination and should not be given with another vaccination. We do not recommend ever giving multiple vaccinations together.

The **next vet visits** your puppy requires are:

12 weeks	5 way-vaccine	
16 weeks	5 way-vaccine	
18-20 weeks	Rabies vaccine	Imirab III by Merrial ONLY
1 year from Rabies	5-way vaccine, Rabies	Imirab by Merrial ONLY
3 years	5-way vaccine, Rabies	Imirab by Merrial ONLY

The new vaccination protocol is to booster vaccinate only every 3 years or as needed from titers.

MONTHLY CARE: Includes heartworm prevention and protecting from fleas and ticks. Heartworm medications are *Heartguard* or and *Sentinel*. A topical flea and tick prevention is *Frontline Plus*. Some of the de-worming medications (like *Sentinel*) also cover for fleas and ticks, making *Frontline* unnecessary. We discourage any oral medication for fleas and ticks, like *Confortis*, which can make dogs ill, with nausea and vomiting. We highly recommend *Revolution*. **Revolution** is a topical treatment that is a complete treatment as it covers heartworm, fleas, ticks, ear mites, and mange/scabies. *Revolution* is expensive and must be dispensed by a Vet. It is a complete medication (heartworm, fleas, ticks) that we find to be the easiest. Choose what is convenient for your lifestyle, but please do not forget this monthly care for your dog. Remember if you live in very cold climates your dog may not need tick prevention when there is snow and the ground is frozen. But if you live in warm climates or are traveling South, fleas are often very bad on beaches so please make sure your puppy has adequate coverage. It is a fine balance between providing excess chemicals to your dog and adequate prevention.

Fecals and deworming: *Giardia* and *Coccidiosis* are parasites present in the intestines of ALL dogs. *Giardia* especially can be picked up anywhere in the environment not only from other dogs but other animals like birds, deer, etc. and presence is not always an indication of a dirty kennel as the organisms may be picked up anywhere. *Giardia* and *Coccidia* are usually self limiting and dogs may carry the organisms but be asymptomatic and may only express diarrhea when stressed. Symptoms of diarrhea are more common in puppies. So if a Vet runs a fecal and your puppy tests positive for *Giardia* or *Coccidia* please do not be alarmed unless your puppy is symptomatic and has diarrhea. If your puppy is healthy and without diarrhea please do not treat or vaccinate your puppy without calling and asking us. If your puppy does have frequent diarrhea please do consult a Vet. Your puppy has already been treated with a deworming medication as a prevention and had a negative fecal test run.

Another veterinary issue is **neutering/spaying**. We have provided you with an article explaining the health benefits of not neutering at an early age. As agreed upon and stated in

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the contract, the puppy is NOT to be neutered/spayed until at least 14 months of age. Remember, the puppy does not have to be neutered and may be left intact for its lifetime, as we sell our Norwich as pets and are not to be bred.

TEETH: Your puppy's **teeth** will begin to fall out around four months of age. Do not be surprised if you find teeth on the floor. There may be blood present on the gums at times, but this is normal. It is VERY important that all the puppy teeth fall out to make room for the permanent teeth. It is your responsibility to your puppy to check the dog's mouth during this time to make sure the puppy teeth are falling out. We rarely have an issue with the puppy teeth not falling out naturally, but this is something to be aware of and to watch for. Often, the dog will use chew toys more during this time; the chewing action helps with the dislodging of the loose teeth. You can also get beef marrow bones from the grocery butcher that will please your puppy for some time. During this teething phase, the puppy may be without several teeth, causing chewing and eating to take longer. The puppy may also be more sensitive to sound and loud noises. Often the puppy becomes more timid during this developmental period, but don't worry, it will return to its normal curiosity and activity. Every few years, you may need to have your terrier's **teeth professionally cleaned** by your veterinarian. To help your dog's teeth stay cleaner longer, do not feed him wet/canned food of any kind. At least once a month, you should visually check your dog's teeth to see if you notice any problems. Please see your veterinarian if you notice any problems, or if you have any questions.

PUPPY FOOD: DHA is a protein found in eggs, milk, and cheese. Proctor and Gamble has done extensive research on puppy food testing, and found that puppies whose diets are supplemented with DHA have increased neuro-development, making the puppies smarter. Therefore, it is important during the first year to feed your puppy food that has the highest percentage of DHA, usually 0.1%. Foods that we recommend are *Eukanuba* small bites puppy, *Royal Canin* mini puppy. We do not recommend feeding the holistic dog food, *Canidae* or *Blue*. Please feed your puppy free choice food for the first few months. Then establish appropriate eating habits by feeding 2-3 times a day. Usually Norwich are not glutens and can be fed 1-2 cups per meal, be allowed to feed for 15-30 minutes per feeding. It is important that your puppy be healthy and not skinny. DHA has been proven to make the puppies smarter, so we suggest feeding your puppy one cooked egg a day (or as often as you can – few times a week), for at least the first six months. You may also want to add shredded cheese to the dry food. If the puppy is thin, the cheese will provide excellent nutrition. Again, we do NOT recommend feeding wet/canned food of any type. **We highly recommend Eukanuba small breed puppy (aka petit chiot)**, or ROYAL CANIN Mini Puppy or other puppy foods are Science Diet small breed puppy.

ADULT FOOD: The advantage of adult dog food vs. puppy food is that adult dog food contains products to clean the teeth. You can switch your puppy to adult dog food at any time after 7 months but we recommend adult dog food after one year of age. Again we recommend *Eukanuba*, *ROYAL CANIN* adult dog food. We recommend EUKANUBA and ROYAL CANIN Adult food because of the dental products in the dog food. Please do not EVER feed canned

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dog food as it is bad for their teeth and has very limited nutritional value. Please do not feed any large breed or the holistic dog foods. Please contact me if you have any questions.

TREATS: Beef marrow bone bones from the butcher, are not only good when your puppy is teething, they are also good for your dog to chew on to clean its teeth. *CET enzyme chews* also work well for cleaning teeth, available from the Vet. We buy the CET chews in large or extra-large size as they are more cost effective. Even though you have a "small dog", Norwich terriers are real teeth – they do not have small teeth like a toy breed. Other treats are fine, but I try to feed those that are not full of preservatives and food colorings. *Nutro* and *IAMs* both make good treats. We particularly like the *IAMs* puppy biscuits or *Eukanuba* puppy biscuits, they are small and easy to feed and the dogs really like them. *Alpo* also makes small square treats that the Norwich are fond of. Do not feed *Greenies* or other similar brands because they have been linked to causing bowel obstruction. Be cautious when purchasing and treats made in China. We do not feed our dogs ANY products from China. The FDA has reported that dehydrated chicken treats from China have killed several dogs. Bully sticks are okay on occasion but not more than once a week and other raw-hides are fine as well.

GROOMING: Norwich terriers are hand stripped, this will only be necessary a few times per year. Monthly care however includes trimming nails, and removing (plucking) the hair from back of ears and trimming (scissoring) the hair on the bottom of the feet between the pads. Please be diligent about trimming nails, it is much better for your dog. And please pull the hair off the back of the ears so that they do not look like a Yorkie. Your dog may be clipped if there is no one available to hand-strip in your area but please be aware that your Norwich will lose their all-weather, stiff coat and the hair will become soft and will shed. Please do not neglect the toe nails and please try to trim weekly. If you have ANY issue with finding a groomer or have ANY questions please do not hesitate to contact me at: sikann@gmail.com

We hope you find the above information to be helpful, and we wish you the very best with your new High Pines Norwich Terrier puppy. It has been a pleasure to meet you and get to know you throughout this process. We are very happy to have you join our High Pines Norwich Terrier Family. I cannot emphasize enough that we are available if you have ANY questions or concerns. Nothing is too trivial and you are not bothering or pestering us in anyway. We are always available and happy to help and be a resource for you. It is a blessing for us to have our High Pines Norwich terrier puppy join your family.

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