

Feeding, Care & Houstraining Instructions: General Instructions for both the Yorkshire Terrier and the Chinese Crested

Feeding: Your puppy is being fed a blend of Eukanuba Small Breed Puppy Food mixed together with Kirkland (Costco) puppy food. I have mixed the two foods together and you must decide on which brand you wish to use. I recommend the Eukanuba Small Breed Puppy. I always leave a bowl of puppy food available at all times along with fresh water. I recommend if you wish to feed at meals times, you take the portion of daily requirement and divide into 3 meals. Toy dogs do not usually over binge and I find they can be free fed. If you wish to change from these brands of dog food, it is recommended that you change your food slowly by adding small amounts of the new food at each meal until you have decreased the old food to nothing. Your puppy should be fed puppy food until they are one year old.

My recommendation for adult food is:

Yorkshire Terrier:	Eukanuba Yorkshire Terrier Dog Food
Chinese Crested:	Eukanuba Small Breed Adult Dog Food

Training: A secure out door area is a must.

Yorkie's need consistent training and positive behavior should be encouraged with praises. A badly trained Yorkie can be a handful. Yorkies need a firm, yet gentle hand. The love, care and training will change your unruly, hyperactive puppy to the most obedient and loving pet on the block! Please remember not to let your puppy do a lot of jumping off the furniture, they are small dogs and legs can be broken easily. Always remember a Yorkie is a terrier first and foremost and are very intelligent little dogs. (If at first they don't succeed they will try, try again).

Chinese Crested are little thinkers. They too are very intelligent dogs. They can jump very high and run at great speeds. They are very loving and loyal dogs and are very wary of strangers. Your little Chinese Crested may take a few days to warm up to his new surrounding. Do not be alarmed, this is normal.

House Training Tips:

Houstraining a puppy often can be frustrating, but it is even more so when you cannot put your life on hold to stay home with your puppy while he gets acquainted with his new environment and the rules of your home. It is possible to houstrain your puppy while still maintaining a normal working & social life. The key is to set up boundaries, use positive reinforcement and expect some accidents from time to time.

Establish a routine for your puppy to the best of your ability, working around your work schedules. Puppies, much like babies, live by routine and do best when they have a schedule for eating and using the bathroom. Part of this schedule should be taking your puppy outside just before you leave for work and as soon as you come home.

1. Take the puppy outside every couple of hours when you are home. By doing this it will decrease the chance of him eliminating in unwanted areas.
2. Bring your puppy to the same spot when he uses the bathroom outdoors. This will reinforce the behavior of sniffing out the scent of urine and work as a guide for your puppy of where they can go to use the bathroom.

3. Give your puppy a treat when he uses the bathroom outdoors. This will reinforce the behavior and increase the likelihood that it will continue to go outdoors.
4. Set up baby gates or an exercise pen in an area of your home where your puppy can stay while you are at work or away from home. This avoids you coming home to destruction. Puppies will be puppies and do not know the difference between your \$300.00 pair of pumps, a \$1500.00 leather couch or a \$3.00 chew toy.
5. Lay out puppy training pads for your puppy in the cordoned off area. Depending on how long you will be gone, your puppy will need to eliminate. By using the training pads, which are scented with an odor that mimics other dogs' urine, you will be reinforcing the correct behaviors the puppy would be using outdoors even while you are away. You have to remember, these are toy dogs and have small bladders.
6. Expect accidents. Housetraining is a long and oftentimes frustrating task, especially when you are unable to dedicate your time to it due to work commitments. Don't fuss at your puppy or rub his nose in his mess, and don't ever spank your puppy for his wrongdoings.
7. Take your puppy outside immediately if you catch it in the act of using the bathroom where it shouldn't be. Reward your puppy on for his good behaviors outdoors.
8. Always remember these are toy dogs and chances are very likely in our severely cold winters your dog will not want to go out doors. I find that after it gets to -10 none of them will even venture outdoors. I tend to have a pee-pad at my back door for them during the winter months. If you are taking them outdoor during extremely cold weather, make sure you are going with them to make sure they do not get frozen feet and can not get back indoors.

The following item on Hypoglycemia is not to scare you, but to keep you informed

Hypoglycemia can be a problem in toy breeds. It is rare, and should not occur at all, but this is a little information about it, just in case you ever have a problem.

Hypoglycemia, often known as low blood sugar is known as a condition resulting in a sudden drop in blood glucose in a puppy. It can be a problem and is frequently noticed in toy breeds.

Some causes of hypoglycemia can be as follows:

1. Over-handling of young puppies or too much exercise and not allowing them enough rest or sleep.
2. Stress due to any change in its environment.
3. Switching diets to a different brand of food.
4. Stress due to any type of traveling. (Regular outings should be limited until five to six months of age).
5. Bacterial infections or intestinal parasites.
6. Poor diet or poor eating habits

7. Hypoglycemia in older puppies is usually triggered by some sort of stress ,missed meals or a combination of both. Always keep on hand a highly palatable high calorie paste. Some such brands are Nutri-Stat or Nutri-Cal. To help avoid hypoglycemia remember to allow your puppy enough quiet time and sleep.
8. Stress and improper nutrition may cause the blood sugar to drop to dangerously low levels. Always feed a high quality dog food up to 3 times a day depending on age. The more youthful they are, the more frequent they need to be feed.

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