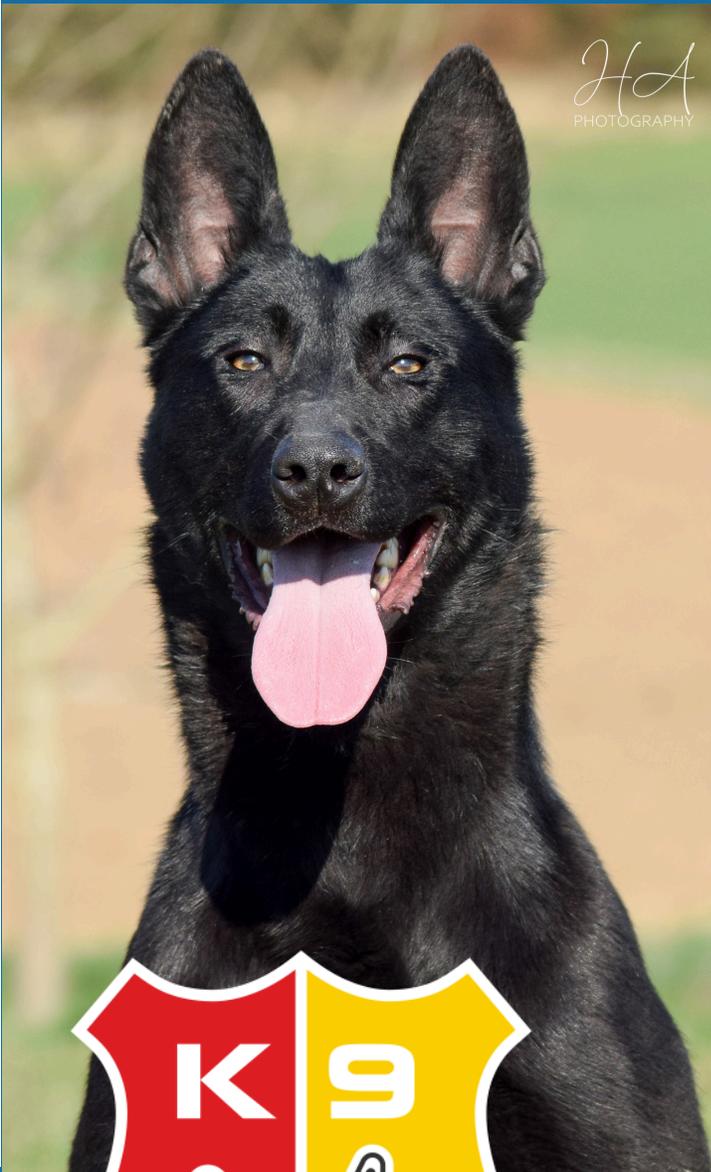


# HAUS AMBERG SHEPHERDS

## Puppy Guide V. 11



Tips for you and your family to make an easy transition with your new addition.

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Congratulations on welcoming your new German Shepherd puppy!

You've made a fantastic choice with a pup from such an excellent lineage! Raising a puppy is an exciting adventure, and we're here to help you every step of the way. With our years of experience breeding and raising German Shepherds, we've picked up some handy tips to help you avoid the common hiccups many new pet owners face.

From choosing the healthiest food to effective training techniques, we've got your back! We know it can feel a bit overwhelming, so don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. You can connect with us anytime through our Facebook page, a quick phone call, or email.

Let's kick off this fantastic journey together!  
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## COLLAR

Buy a nice leather leash. Do not buy the retractable kind. These encourage pulling and do not allow you to have control over your pup. It allows too much freedom.

A nice leather collar is also a good purchase. Do not buy a harness for your puppy. These encourage pulling, as well. Think about it, a sleigh dog, or a working dog (service, K9) all wear harnesses for a reason. Your puppy is not there yet.



## LEASH

## TOYS

Pick up a couple rubber toys for your puppy.



A small kennel is essential for your potty-training puppy.

## KENNEL



## FOOD

We recommend a Natural Canine or Kinetic diet. More info in the Food section.

Grab some stainless-steel bowls. These are great sanitation purposes.



## BOWLS

# THE SHOPPING LIST

Here are some important tips for welcoming your new puppy into your home:

- **Schedule a Veterinary Visit:** It's a good idea to schedule a vet appointment soon. If you don't already have a veterinarian, ask friends or family with pets for recommendations.
- **Provide a Comfortable Space:** Set up a cozy bed or a puppy crate in a quiet corner of your home. This will help your pup adjust more quickly to their new environment.
- **Supervise Introductions:** When introducing your puppy to young children, always have an adult present to supervise. It's important to ensure the interaction is safe and positive.
- **Introducing Older Dogs:** If you have an older dog, introduce them to the new puppy with care. Take both dogs to a neutral location, like a park, and keep them on leashes during the introduction. Supervision is key!
- **Patience with Appetite:** It's normal for your puppy to have a decreased appetite when they first arrive home. Be patient! To encourage eating, consider mixing in a tablespoon or two of plain pumpkin puree with their dry food. Alternatively, you can soak their dry food in water for about an hour until it becomes mushy.

These steps will help ensure a smooth transition for your new furry friend!



# GERMANY: FEEDING YOUR PUPPY



## NATURAL CANINE / ROYAL CANIN

We're excited to offer Natural Canine products for purchase at our kennel location in Germany! While Royal Canin is an acceptable option, we highly recommend Natural Canine.

Here's why:

- **Quality Tested:** We've thoroughly tested Natural Canine for quality and found it to meet the high standards we expect for our dogs.
- **Optimal Nutrition:** Natural Canine is formulated to provide balanced nutrition tailored to your puppy's needs.

If you have any questions or need assistance choosing the right food, feel free to ask! Your puppy's health and well-being are our top priorities.

# USA: FEEDING YOUR PUPPY



## ROYAL CANIN / KINETIC DOG FOOD: PUPPY 28K AND VITAL 24K

When it comes to your puppy's diet, it's crucial to choose food that not only provides energy but also supports healthy growth and development. A well-formulated puppy food helps build and maintain body cells, which is essential for preventing digestive, joint, and age-related issues down the line.

Here are some key points to consider:

- **Nutritional Balance:** Your puppy's diet must be precisely formulated to meet their specific dietary needs. This includes the right quantities of proteins, minerals, vitamins, fats, and carbohydrates. These elements must be balanced –too much or too little can lead to serious health issues.
- **High-Quality Ingredients:** Opt for high-quality, nutritionally balanced diets that provide the ideal amounts of all necessary nutrients. Both ROYAL CANIN and KINETIC offer specialized formulas designed to support healthy nutrition for growing puppies.
- **Avoiding Nutritional Deficiencies:** Feeding nutrients in the wrong proportions can lead to significant nutritional deficiencies or excesses. This can result in improper growth and potentially long-term damage to your puppy's health.

By choosing the right food, like ROYAL CANIN Puppy 28K or KINETIC Vital 24K, you're setting your puppy up for a healthy and vibrant life!

# FEEDING YOUR PUPPY

## Managing Diarrhea in Your New Puppy

It's common for puppies to experience some diarrhea during their first week after arriving home. The stress of transitioning to a new environment, along with the effects of travel, can lead to loose stools.

Here are some tips to help manage this:

- **Stay Hydrated:** Ensure your puppy has access to plenty of fresh water at all times. Staying hydrated is crucial, especially if they're experiencing diarrhea.
- **Dietary Guidelines:** Follow our recommended dietary guidelines closely. If diarrhea occurs, you can feed your puppy 1 cup of plain, boiled chicken and rice for up to three days to help settle their stomach.
- **Encouraging Appetite:** If your puppy has a decreased appetite, try mixing one tablespoon of plain pumpkin puree into their regular dry food. This can make their meals more appealing and easier on their stomach.
- **Be Cautious with Food Changes:** Abruptly changing your puppy's food can lead to digestive upset and diarrhea, which may void any guarantees we provide regarding their health.

If you have any concerns about your puppy's health or if diarrhea persists, please don't hesitate to reach out for assistance!

## Bonding with Your Puppy Through Feeding

We want you and your puppy to create a strong bond, and one of the best ways to nurture that connection is through hand-feeding.

Here's how it works:

- **Feeding Schedule:** Your puppy should have three small meals a day—about one cup per meal. This helps manage their growth and energy levels.
- **Portion Control:** Remember, feeding your puppy more won't make them bigger, just fatter! You can stick to the recommended portion sizes.
- **Hand-Feeding:** Try feeding one to two of those meals by hand. This not only fosters a closer relationship but also helps your puppy see you as the pack leader.
- **Training Benefits:** This method will benefit future training. Establishing that bond early on will make training sessions smoother and more effective.

Enjoy this special time with your puppy, and watch your connection grow!

### Feeding Tips for Your Puppy

- **No Strict Schedule:** Don't feel the need to feed your puppy on a strict schedule. Instead, focus on providing the required amount of food without the pressure of timing.
- **Hand-Feeding:** Continue to feed your puppy by hand. This strengthens your bond and helps establish you as the pack leader.
- **Avoid Open Feeding:** Don't leave food out for your puppy to graze on. If they don't eat right away, give them 10-15 minutes to finish, then take the bowl away even if it's not empty.
- **Reward with Food:** Use meal times as an opportunity to reward your puppy. This reinforces positive behavior.
- **Limit Treats:** While treats can be a great training aid, use them sparingly since they are often high in calories. Just as you limit junk food in your own diet, do the same for your dog.
- **No Table Food:** Avoid feeding your puppy table scraps. This can lead to begging behavior and unhealthy habits.

Here in Germany, most breeders use “Zwingers.” These are large outdoor kennels (typically 12’ x 7’) that are used to house their shepherds. Puppies and their mothers are usually placed in these kennels at four weeks of age. Do not expect your puppy to be house-trained when you bring him/her home. It’s a process. Be patient.



### Tips for Kenneling and Potty Training Your Puppy

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Here are some helpful tips to make the transition to a kennel and potty training smoother for you and your new puppy:

- **Choose the Right Kennel:** Purchase a small kennel that is just big enough for your puppy to stand up and turn around. If it's too large, your puppy might pee in one corner and avoid the other.
- **Expect Whining:** Be prepared for your puppy to whine during the first couple of nights in the kennel. This is normal as they adjust to being away from their mom and siblings. Stay patient and take it in stride—maybe enjoy a little coffee while you wait!
- **Frequent Bathroom Breaks:** Take your puppy outside every 2-3 hours, especially after meals and naps. Make sure to go straight outside without any playing; this helps them focus on using the bathroom.
- **Consistency is Key:** Expect your puppy to need to go outside several times during the first two weeks of potty training. Consistency is crucial for success!
- **Designate a Spot:** Always take your puppy out to the same spot each time. This helps them recognize their scent and establishes a routine, making it easier for them to understand where they should go.

By following these tips, you'll help your puppy adjust to their new home and master potty training in no time!

# POTTY TRAINING

## Celebrating Success and Managing Accidents with Your Puppy

When it comes to potty training, positivity and supervision are key! Here's how to celebrate your puppy's successes and manage any accidents:

- **Celebrate Success:** When your puppy successfully uses the bathroom outside, make it a huge celebration! Cheer loudly, say "Good Job," and give them lots of love. A handful of their food can also be a great reward!
- **No Punishment for Accidents:** Never punish your puppy for having an accident in the house. Remember, it's your responsibility to take them out frequently. Accidents are a part of the learning process for puppies!
- **Limit Freedom:** Avoid giving your puppy too much freedom in the house. This will help prevent accidents. Supervise them closely when they are not crated.
- **Watch Closely:** Always keep an eye on your puppy when they're out of the crate. If you notice signs that they need to go out, take them immediately!
- **Clean Up Properly:** If an accident happens, disinfect the area thoroughly to remove the smell. However, don't clean it up while your puppy is in the room, as this might stimulate their interest in the area.

By maintaining a positive environment and being proactive, you'll help your puppy learn the ropes of potty training effectively!



## Essential Training Tips for Your Puppy

To help your puppy become a well-behaved member of your household, keep these basic rules in mind:

- **Let Your Puppy Be a Puppy:** Allow your pup to enjoy their playful nature. Overly strict obedience training can hinder their confidence and personality development.
- **Obedience Class Timing:** For local clients, we recommend waiting until your puppy is at least 8 months old before enrolling in basic obedience classes, as they are not ready before then.
- **Establish Leadership:** You are the pack leader. Choose one person in your family to take on this role, with a second-in-command if desired. Remember, your dog should always be at the bottom of the pack hierarchy.
- **Short Training Sessions:** Puppies have short attention spans. Start training sessions at 5 minutes each, three times a day. Gradually extend the duration as your puppy matures.



# TRAINING

GERMAN

ENGLISH



Sitz

Sit



Bleib

Stay



Platz

Down



Gib Laut

Bark



Nein

No



Heir

Come



Bring

Fetch



Gassi

Walk



Fuss

Heel



Aus

Let Go/ Out



# YOUR BLUE PASSPORT

When you purchase your puppy from our Germany-based kennel, you will receive a blue pet passport (Impf Pass).

Here's why this document is so important:

- **Comprehensive Information:** The blue pet passport contains all essential information about your pet, including:
  - Vaccination records
  - Microchip number
  - Birth date
  - Name and owner details
- **Travel Within the EU:** If you plan to move your pet between EU Member States, it's crucial to ensure that:
  - The rabies vaccination is valid.
  - Any other required vaccinations are up to date.
- **Lifetime Document:** The EU pet passport is valid for the lifetime of the animal it belongs to, making it a valuable document for pet owners.
- **Veterinary Checks:** When traveling, pet owners must ensure the rabies vaccination in the passport is current. If necessary, renew the vaccination before travel.
- **Additional Information:** Some Member States may include extra details about other vaccinations and your pet's medical history in the passport. While this additional information is not required by EU law, it can make veterinary checks easier.

The blue pet passport simplifies veterinary visits and travel, making life easier for both you and your furry friend!



# VACCINATIONS

To keep your puppy healthy and protected, it's crucial to ensure they receive the following vaccinations:

Primary immunizations for puppies occur in the first two years of life:

8 Weeks Old:

- Parvovirus
- Distemper
- Leptospirosis

12 Weeks Old:

- Parvovirus
- Distemper
- Leptospirosis

16 Weeks Old:

- Parvovirus
- Distemper

15 Months Old:

- Parvovirus
- Distemper
- Leptospirosis

Beyond 16 Weeks:

Maternal antibodies are no longer expected in dogs over 16 weeks.

After this age, a single dose of a live vaccine or two doses of an inactivated vaccine (at intervals of 3-4 weeks) is typically sufficient. A follow-up vaccination one year after the initial immunizations completes the basic immunization process.

Revaccination Schedule:

- Parvovirus & Distemper: After basic immunization, repeat vaccinations are generally recommended every up to three years, depending on the vaccine manufacturer.
- Leptospirosis: Annual booster vaccinations are required.



## Key Vaccination Recommendations for Your Puppy

### Important Vaccinations:

- Lyme Disease
- Leishmaniasis
- Fungal Infections
- Rabies: Vaccinate at 12 weeks of age.

### Rabies Vaccination Notes:

- Nationwide rabies vaccination is no longer required in Germany due to eradication.
- Travel Requirement: Pets must be vaccinated against rabies to cross borders. This vaccination helps protect them if they encounter suspected infected animals.

### Protocol:

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions. A booster at 15 months increases the likelihood of achieving the required antibody titer.
- For some non-EU countries, proof of an antibody titer of  $\geq 0.5$  IU/ml is needed.





According to our contract, we advise all new pet owners not to spay or neuter their dog until the dog reaches 2 years of age.

Here's why:

- **Development Impact:** Spaying or neutering before two years can hinder your dog's development, leading to significant differences in growth.
- **Size and Build:** Dogs spayed or neutered early often grow smaller. They may have:
  - Longer limbs
  - Lighter bones
  - Narrower chests
  - Smaller skulls
- **Muscle Development:** Early neutering can lead to less muscle development because vital hormones are limited during growth.
- **Working Ability:** If you plan to use your dog for activities like personal protection, ring sport, Schutzhund, or service work, it's best to avoid neutering.

# SPAYING AND NEUTERING

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Please email us if you have any questions!



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