

HAUS AMBERG SHEPHERDS PUPPY GUIDE



Everything you need to know before bringing home your German shepherd puppy!



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.

COLLAR

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 Royal Canin diet. More info in the Food section.

BOWLS

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



THE SHOPPING LIST

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Schedule a veterinary visit soon. If you don't already have a vet, friends or family members with pets can be good sources of recommendations.

Puppy-proof your home, inside and outside

Provide a comfortable bed or a puppy crate in a quiet corner. It will help your pup to adjust to their new home faster.

Supervise young children. An adult should be present when making the introduction of a puppy to a young child.

Introducing your older dog to a new pup should be done with care. Try to bring both dogs to neutral ground, such as a park. Place both dogs on leashes and supervise their introduction.



FEEDING YOUR PUPPY



Feed your puppy this formula. It has great proteins for your growing puppy.



At 8 months your dog should transition to Adult food. The ingredients are a better option.

ROYAL CANIN

A puppy's food not only has to supply them with energy, but it also has to build and maintain the body's cells to help prevent eventual digestive, joint and age-related problems. To fulfill these objectives, your puppy's diet must be precisely formulated to meet their specific nutritional needs. Quantities of proteins, minerals, vitamins, fats and carbohydrates must be exact, neither too much or too little. A high-quality, nutritional diet, meeting the demands of health nutrition, will combine just the right amounts of all of these nutrients. If fed nutrients in the wrong proportions, your puppy could suffer from major nutritional deficiencies or excesses, resulting in improper growth and possible long-term damage to their health.



We want you and your puppy to bond in any way possible, and the best way to nurture and develop a strong connection with your shepherd is to feed your dog with your hand. A puppy will eat 3 small meals a day. Feed one to two of these meals by hand. Not only will this bring you and your pup closer together, but he/she will see you as the pack leader. This method will come in handy later on, as well when it comes to training your dog.



- ✗ Don't feed your puppy on a schedule.
- ✓ Do feed your puppy the required amount of food, but there is no need to be strict on the feeding schedule.
- ✓ Do feed you puppy with your hand.
- ✗ Don't open feed your dog. Put the food away if your dog is not eating right away.
- ✓ Do reward your dog with his/her food. Try to use treats sparingly. Treats are typically high in calories. Just as you would like to limit Doritos and M&Ms out of your own diet, limit these tasty goodies out of your dog's diet.
- ✗ Don't feed your puppy table food. This bad habit will develop into begging

TIPS & TRICKS



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.

SOME TIPS

Purchase a small kennel for your puppy. It should be just big enough for him to stand and turn around.



If the kennel is any larger, you are taking the risk of your pup peeing in one corner of the kennel and avoiding his/ her accident in the corner of the kennel.

Do expect your puppy to whine the first couple of night in their kennel. They are away from their mom and siblings for the first time. Be patient and drink some coffee.

Take your puppy out every 2-3 hours. Especially after every meal and every nap. You should expect your puppy to have to use the bathroom several time during his/her first two weeks of potty training.

Take your pup out to the same place each and every time you let them out. It allows them to recognize their own scent and creates a routine.



When your pup finally uses the bathroom outside, make it a huge celebration. It’s a party! Lots of cheers, “Good Jobs,” and lovin’. Treat him/her with a handful of their food.

You should never punish your pup for having in accident in the house. It’s your fault, not theirs. After all, they are still a puppy. Instead, get better with taking them out frequently.

Do not allow your puppy too much freedom. Doing this will allow for accidents in the house. Always watch your pup when he/she is not crated. In the event of an “accident,” disinfect the spot to remove their smell, but don’t use bleach and don’t clean it up while they are in the room, to avoid stimulating their interest.



POTTY TRAINING



Whether you decide to teach your puppy to perform entertaining tricks or not, there are some basic rules of life they must understand in order to be a welcome member of your household. Let your puppy be a puppy. We want your pup to develop a sense of confidence. Being too strict with obedience training can stifle your dog’s personality and growth.

You are the pack leader for your dog. The puppy will need an authority figure for him/her to obey. Chose who will be this person in your family. However, there is also a second in command and so forth. Your dog is at the bottom of the pack ALWAYS. Puppies and dogs, in general, have very short attention spans. Start off any obedience with your pup at 5 minute intervals, three times a day. Extend the sessions little by little as your puppy gets older.



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

GERMAN DOG COMMANDS

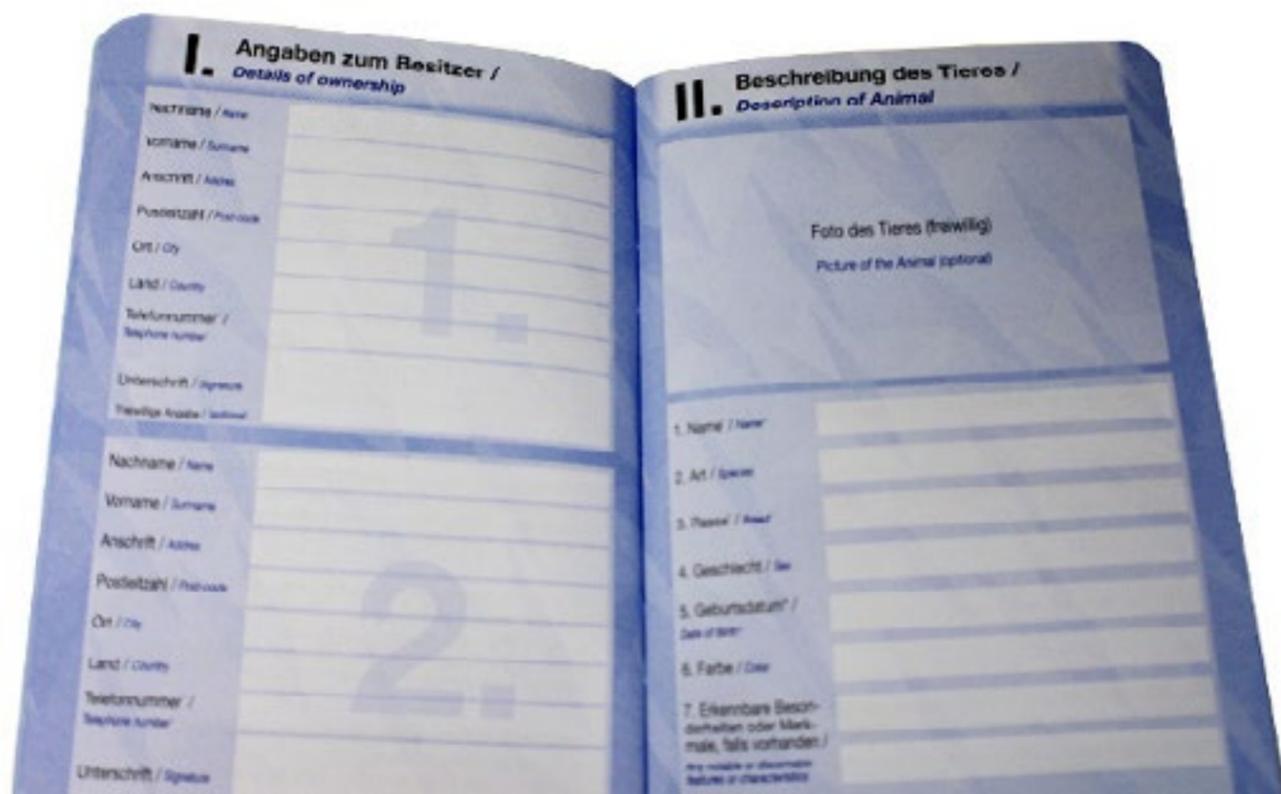


YOUR BLUE PASSPORT

Your dog's blue pet passport (Impf Pass) is the best thing since sliced bread! Inside this document, you will find all your pet's information including vaccinations, chip number, birth date, name, owners, etc. For movements of pets between EU Member States, valid rabies.

The EU pet passport has been designed to last for the lifetime of the animal bearing it. When traveling, the pet owner must ensure that the rabies vaccination in the passport is valid or renew the pet's vaccination. Some Member States might also choose to include additional information in the passport about other vaccinations and the animal's medical history to make veterinary checks easier, but this additional information is not required by EU law.

The pet passport makes veterinary checks easier and make life easier for traveling pet owners,



SPAYING AND NEUTERING

Per our contract, we recommend for all of our new pet owners NOT to spay/neuter their dog until it reaches two years in age. Performing these procedures prior to this time, will hinder your dog's development. We want your pups to be fully developed and mature. We know that males or females that are spayed or neutered at an early age will grow SIGNIFICANTLY smaller than those that are spayed later in life. Dogs that have been spayed or neutered early are typically longer limbed, lighter boned, have narrower chests and smaller skulls.

Early neutering is slightly controversial, because the dog may grow smaller and a bit slimmer, with a bit less muscle development. He will not be as much muscular as he would be without early neutering, because the hormones that lead to muscle development during the growth period are more limited.

Neutering too early (before two years) is going to effect the dog's working ability. For instance, if you plan on using your dog for personal protection, ring sport, Schutzhund or service work, you should not plan on neutering your dog.



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