**SUPPLIES FOR PUPPY**

**HAIR**

SHAMPOO-TRESEMME SHAMPOO DEEP CLEANER

CONDITIONER-COLOR ME HAPPY HERBAL ESSENCES

DILUTE SHAMPOO TO 2 TEASPOONS PER 1 GALLON OF WATER

DILUTE CONDITIONER TO 4 TEASPOONS PER 1 GALLON OF WATER

BRUSH HAIR DAILY AND USE PANTENE MOISTURE SMOOTH

DILUTE THE DAILY SPRAY TO 25:1

BRUSH-SOFT PIN BRUSH PAWMARKS.COM OR CHRIS CHRISTENSEN

COMB-METAL PAWMARKS.COM OR CHRIS CHRISTENSEN

BAND SCISSORS PAWMARKS.COM

HAIR BANDS-LIGHTWEIGHT AND SMALLEST BANDS FROM PAWMARKS.COM

DRY USING A GOOD QUALITY HAIR DRYER ON A LOW HEAT SETTING

AT ONE POINT AND TIME ALL THESE GUYS WILL HAVE MATS. CORNSTARCH WILL HELP LOOSEN THE MATS. YOU CAN ALSO USE YOUR DAILY SPRAY TO HELP LOOSEN THEM.

**EYES**

CLEAN EYES DAILY. IF STAINING IS BAD, CAN USE CONTACT SOLUTION ON A COTTON BALL, TYLAN POWDER FOR A LIMITED TIME (VET SCRIPT ONLY), A CLEANING PRODUCT CALLED SHOW OFF, OR A SPLASH OF APPLE CIDER VINEGAR IN THE WATER. IF THEY ARE STAINING BE SURE YOU ARE USING A CERAMIC OR STEEL BOWL FOR BOTH FOOD AND WATER, **FILTERED WATER (NOT DISTILLED WATER OR TAP WATER)** , ULTIMATELY KEEPING THE AREA DRY IS A KEY FACTOR. YOU CAN TRY ½ BABY POWDER WITH ALOE AND BORIC ACID (BUY FROM AMAZON) APPLYING WITH A MAKEUP BRUSH AND COMBING THROUGH AREA. TRY SUAVE CLARIFYING SHAMPOO DIRECTLY ON THE TEAR STAINS AT BATH TIME. LEAVE ON FOR A MINUTE OR TWO. A GOOD QUALITY DOG FOOD THAT IS CHICKEN FREE IF POSSIBLE. WE USE ROYAL CANIN PUPPY X-SMALL DRY KIBBLE AND ROYAL CANIN APPETITE STIMULANT CANNED UNTIL THEY ARE ABOUT 4 MONTHS OLD. KEEP DRY FOOD OUT ALL THE TIME! WE START FEEDING 2 X A DAY AT ABOUT 5-6 MONTHS OLD. WE ARE SWITCHING THEM OVER TO FROMM PUPPY SALMON KIBBLE AND CONTINUE TO USE EITHER THE RC STIMULANT OR PUPPY FROMM MOIST IN THE CAN AT ABOUT 5 MONTHS OLD. AT ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR OLD WE WILL SWITCH THEM TO FROMM ADULT SMALL SALMON. IF THEY ARE GAINING TOO MUCH WEIGHT, SWITCH THEM OVER TO AT LEAST ½ PUPPY FOOD AND ½ ADULT FOOD EARLIER. GOOD QUALITY SNACKS SUCH AS BIL-JACS SOFT TREATS LIVER. **NO GREENIES OR JERKY EVER!!** NO HARD SNACKS. YOU CAN GIVE THEM CANNED GREEN BEANS COLD OR WARM, BUT DO NOT ADD SEASONINGS. THEY ALSO LIKE BANANAS, CARROTS, CHEESE (SMALL AMOUNTS), BLUEBERRIES (HELP WITH TEAR STAINING), APPLES WITHOUT THE SKIN. DO NOT **EVER GIVE, ONIONS, GRAPES, RAISINS, CHOCOLATE, OR ANYTHING WITH ARTIFICAL SWEETENERS!!!!! IF ANY OF THESE ARE INGESTED, INDUCE VOMITING WITH PEROXIDE AND CALL POISON CONTROL OR A VET IMMEDIATELY!!** BULLY STICKS, PIGS EARS, OR BULLY STICKS UNDER SUPERVISION

**SUN**

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THESE LITTLE ONES SUNBURN VERY EASY! USE SUNSCREEN ON THEIR PARTS (ON BACK) TO HELP PREVENT THIS. THE SUN WILL KEEP THEIR PIGMENT BLACK.

**EARS**

PLUCK EARS BEFORE BATH TIME. USE TWEEZERS AND PULL OUT THE EXTRA HAIR INSIDE THE EARS. YOU CAN USE POWDER FROM THE PET STORE, BUT I HAVE ALREADY STARTED TO PLUCK THE EAR HAIR. THIS WILL HELP PREVENT EAR INFECTIONS FROM THE BATH.

**TEETH**

MALTESE ARE KNOWN FOR RETAINING THEIR BABY TEETH. YOU HAVE TO KEEP WATCHING THEIR MOUTHS AND MAKE SURE THEY DO NOT HAVE DOUBLE TEETH. IT IS VERY HARD TO SEE THE BACK TEETH, SO PLEASE HAVE YOUR VET CHECK WHEN THEY ARE GETTING THE REST OF THEIR PUPPY SHOTS. USUALLY BY 6-7 MONTHS THEY WILL HAVE ALL THE DOUBLES THEY WILL HAVE. THE VET NEEDS TO PULL THE EXTRA TEETH! IF YOU LEAVE THEM IN IT WILL MESS THEIR BITES UP FOR THEIR LIFETIME. THEY CAN BE PULLED AT THE TIME OF THE NEUTER OR SPAY ALSO. ALL MY MALTESE HAVE HAD AT LEAST 1 PULLED, AND THE MOST I HAVE HAD IS 13 DOUBLES! THE VET GIVES THEM A LITTLE GAS AND THEY ARE FINE WHEN THEY COME HOME. NO RESTRICTIONS AND THEY EAT FINE THAT NIGHT.

**NAILS**

KEEP NAILS TRIMMED BACK. I USE CAT TOENAIL CLIPPERS AS THEY GET OLDER. I START THE PUPPIES WITH TINY HUMAN TOENAIL CLIPPERS. IT IS EASY TO CUT TOO FAR BACK, AND THEY WILL BLEED QUITE A BIT. THERE IS A STOP QUICK PRODUCT YOU CAN GET AT PETCO/PETSMART TO STOP THE BLEEDING QUICKLY. ALSO JUST APPLY PRESSURE TO THE NAIL.

**HARNESS**

THERE ARE A COUPLE OF CHOICES HERE. I THINK THE HARNESS IS A GOOD WAY TO GO. IF YOU USE A REGULAR LEASH, PLEASE BE CAREFUL NOT TO PULL HARD ON THEIR THROATS AS IT COULD BE VERY HARD ON THEIR TRACHEA. IF YOU PUT CLOTHES ON YOUR BABY, MANY COME WITH A HARNESS LOOP THAT YOU CAN ATTACH YOUR LEASH TOO.

**TOYS**

WE HAVE SOFT TOYS. THEY LOVE TO RIP THE SQUEEKERS OUT OF THEM. WHEN THE STUFFING STARTS COMING OUT IT IS TIME FOR THEM TO GO. I WILL USE KONGS FOR THEM TO CHEW ON. IT CAN HELP GET THOSE BABY TEETH OUT. I DO LIKE THE PUZZLE TOYS THAT YOU PUT SNACKS IN, BECAUSE MALTESE ARE VERY SMART AND HAVE FUN OPENING THE FLAPS! I ALSO LIKE THE ROPE TOYS.

**POTTY**

THIS TAKES A LOT OF TIME AND PATIENCE WITH THESE LITTLE GUYS. AT OUR HOUSE WE USE WASHABLE PADS AND THEY HAVE ACCESS TO DOGGIE GRASS. THEY FOLLOW THE OLDER DOGS AT MY HOUSE AND YOU WILL HAVE TO REMIND THEM WHERE YOU WANT THEM TO GO FREQUENTLY. I RECOMMEND THAT IN THEIR PENS YOU HAVE AN AREA FOR THEM TO POTTY. MAKE IT SEPARATE FROM THEIR BED AND FOOD. IN OTHER WORDS, DO NOT COVER THE WHOLE PEN WITH THE PAD. THEN PUT PADS IN AREAS THAT YOU WANT THEM TO POTTY AT. IF YOU WANT THEM TO POTTY OUTSIDE, THEN PUT A PAD BY THE DOOR YOU WILL TAKE THEM OUT. PUT A PAD OUTSIDE A FEW TIMES AT FIRST. TOY DOGS SEEM TO TAKE AWHILE TO TRAIN. TRY TO BE CONSISTANT AND PATIENT. REWARD WITH TREATS AT FIRST, AND THEN MOVE TO PRAISE AND LOVE!

**SLEEP**

AT OUR HOUSE WE LEAVE THE RADIO ON IN THE AREA WHERE THEY SLEEP, BUT A T.V. WORKS WELL TOO. I STRONGLY SUGGEST THEY DO NOT SLEEP WITH YOU UNTIL THEY ARE AT LEAST 9 TO 10 MONTHS OLD. THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE BED ENDS AND THEY WILL WALK OFF IT AND HURT THEMSELVES. ALSO, HOLDING POTTY THROUGH THE NIGHT IS AN ISSUE. THEY NEED THEIR OWN “SPACE” WHEN THEY ARE LITTLE. AT NIGHTTIME SAY “TIME FOR BED” AND PUT THEM IN THEIR PENS OR CRATES. YOU CAN EVEN COVER THE AREA FOR SLEEP. HAVE A DIFFERENT FAMILY MEMBER DO IT SO THEY DON’T ASSOCIATE 1 PERSON AS THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF PUTTING THEM IN THE CRATE/PEN. IT IS A SAFE PLACE AND NOT A PUNISHMENT!

**FOOD**

WE FEED FROMM PUPPY DRY. MY SUGGESTION IS THAT YOU USE THE ROYAL CANIN PUPPY CANNED MOUSSE TO START AND THEN ROYAL CANIN APPETITE STIMULANT (SEE THE CAN FOR AGE RECOMMENDATIONS) AND THE PUPPY FOOD UNTIL THEY ARE 1 YEAR OLD. IT IS STILL A PUPPY FOOD. WE USE BIL JAC SOFT TREATS WITH LIVER AND SOME OTHER SMALL SOFT TREATS. THEY LIKE GREEN BEANS TOO! PLEASE DON’T GIVE YOUR BABIES MILK BONES, GREENIES, ANY KIND OF JERKY, OR ANYTHING HARD. THEY CHOKE VERY EASILY.

**STEPS**

YOU SHOULD CONSIDER GETTING PET STEPS FOR YOUR FURNITURE. THESE GUYS CAN MESS THEIR KNEES UP PRETTY EASY. BED, BATH, AND BEYOND ACTUALLY CARRY A GOOD SET OF PET STAIRS. THERE ARE MANY OTHERS ON THE MARKET AS WELL. I DO NOT RECOMMEND THE WOOD ONES, BECAUSE THE MALTESE SEEM TO LIKE TO CHEW ON THEM. ALL OF OUR PUPPIES LEARN TO DO OUR FURNITURE STEPS, SO IT WON’T BE A PROBLEM FOR YOU.

**PENS VS CRATES**

WE USE AN IRIS PEN (AMAZON) WITH THE 2 EXTENDED PANELS. THIS IS WHAT WE START ALL THE BABIES OUT IN. IT HAS A DOOR ON THE FRONT THAT IS OPEN WHEN THEY ARE OUT PLAYING. THIS WILL HELP THEM TO LEARN WHERE TO GET FOOD, WATER, AND GO TO POTTY TO START. IT IS THEIR “ROOM”. YOU CAN TRAIN THEM TO GO TO THEIR “ROOM”. WHEN THEY ARE 8 OR 9 MONTHS OLD AND/OR IF THEY ARE CLIMBERS, WE SWITCH OVER TO A LARGE CRATE. YOU KIND OF HAVE TO PLAY THIS BY EAR. THEY ALSO MAKE AN X-PEN AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO A CRATE.

LASTLY, WE WANT YOU TO HAVE A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE WITH YOUR BABY. IF YOU ARE HAVING ANY TROUBLE, PLEASE REACH OUT TO US! WE WILL ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE TO YOU FOR HELP! FOR THOSE OF YOU IN COLORADO, YOU ALWAYS HAVE A PET SITTER AND GROOMER IF YOU CHOOSE☺!!!